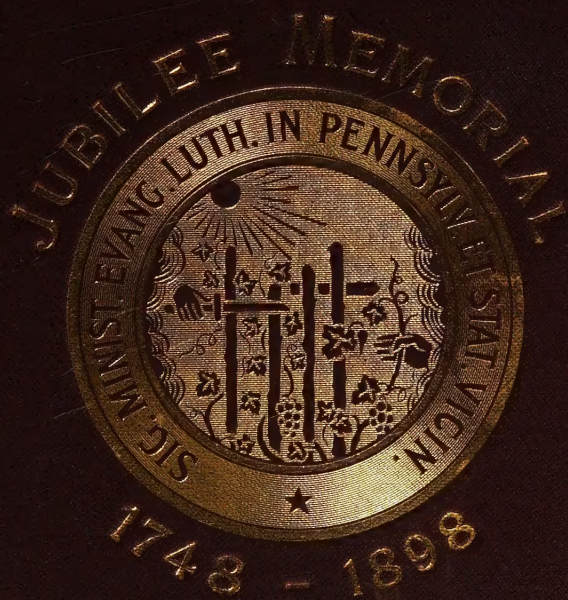




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PREFACE.

At the one hundred and forty-sixth Convention of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, held in Philadelphia, 1893, the President in his official report suggested that steps should be taken to secure an accurate and reliable history of the Ministerium, so as to have it ready for its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary in the year 1898. The Ministerium agreed with this recommendation, and appointed its officers and the Faculty of the Theological Seminary a Committee, to lay before the next annual convention a plan by which this desirable object may be attained. This committee recommended the publication of a volume containing the Minutes of the Ministerium for the first hundred years of its history, together with such historical matter as is now contained in the archives and other sources of information. The Ministerium, after some discussion, referred the report back to the Committee with full power to act. An editorial Committee was appointed, consisting of Professors A. Spaeth, H. E. Jacobs and G. F. Spieker, and all questions concerning the contents and preparation of this memorial volume were referred to it. Under the supervision of this Committee the work of collecting and preparing the material for the Memorial Volume, was done by Mr. W. A. Lambert, a student in our Theological Seminary, of the class graduating in 1898. He was assisted by Mr. F. E. Cooper who translated the Protocol of the Conventions of 1814 to 1820. The arduous work of preparing the very full and comprehensive indexes was done by Mr. Charles M. Jacobs. For the translation of the Constitution in force in 1781, we are indebted to the Rev. J. W. Early, who published it in the *Lutheran Church Review* for July, 1890.

The Editorial Committee had intended to supplement the record of the Conventions of the Ministerium by the addition of valuable documentary matter from the Archives, and also an alphabetical list of the contents of our Archives. But as the work progressed it was found that the simple

record of the transactions of the Ministerium from 1748 to 1821, the year with which the first volume of the written Protocol closes, would fill a volume of about 550 pages. And beyond this limit the Committee was not willing to go for the present. But it is hoped that the Ministerium will provide for the continuation of this work, so that those who are interested in the history of the Mother Synod may be furnished with the most important documents from the rich treasures of our Archives, so admirably arranged and preserved through the efforts of our late Archivarius, Dr. W. J. Mann.

A full account of the sources from which the material of this volume is drawn will be found on page 1 sq. With the exception of the Hallesche Nachrichten it is all Manuscript matter, viz., the diaries and correspondence of our venerable Fathers, the Halle Documents (Halle Doc.) transcribed at the request and expense of our Ministerium through Dr. Germann from the Halle Archives, and the written Protocol which begins with the year 1781.

The volume presents a full and exact reproduction in the English language of the material contained in these sources without any abridgment or changes. Even the spelling of names and localities is retained as found in the original documents. The explanations and corrections of the Committee are inserted in brackets or in foot-notes. By adhering strictly to this principle of scrupulous reproduction, the Committee hoped to secure for this volume the character of an exact and reliable documentary chronicle.

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FIRST CONVENTION.

1748.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(August 15, O. S.; August 26, N. S., 1748, Philadelphia).

I.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, n. e. pp. 150, 151; o. e. 76, 77.]

In order that aid might be given to several congregations, even if only one preacher could be sent, it has been thought advisable to ordain to the ministry Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Schaum, who until now have been assistants, since they have been very faithful in the matters entrusted to them in the congregations, and have gained not only more and more experience and ability for the ministry, but have also won the love and confidence of the congregations. For this purpose, as well as for the closer union of the preachers and of the United Congregations, and for mutual consultation and agreement in matters concerning all the congregations, a meeting of the preachers, elders and deacons of all the frequently mentioned congregations was arranged to be held in Philadelphia, August 15 [O. S.], 26 [N. S.], 1748.

The United Congregations were at first only the three congregations at Philadelphia, New Hanover and Providence, which together first applied to the court preacher Ziegenhagen, in London; and to Prof. Dr. Francke, in Halle, requesting them to choose and call for them several able preachers. When the first preacher, Mr. Mühlenberg, arrived in Pennsylvania, the fourth congregation at Germantown united with them, and later Tulpehocken and Lancaster, with Nordkiel and Earlingstown as filials of the latter two; so also two small congregations at Upper Milford and Saccum joined the two in Providence and New Hanover as filials. The delegated elders and deacons of all these congregations, together with the preachers, appeared at this meeting, which was further attended in friendly confidence by the Swedish Provost, Mr. Sandin, and a preacher called and sent by the Honorable Ministerium at Hamburg upon the request of a congregation in Jersey, Mr. Hartwig, they having been duly invited. This

more definite union had long been desired and requested by the congregations, and had, in fact, been attempted by a meeting held five years before; but the meeting was broken up by the opposition of the preacher, Nyberg,¹ and was without results. But at this meeting everything passed off peaceably, and all the congregations mutually obligated themselves to hold together as one congregation, and for this purpose to assemble once each year.

II.

[LETTER OF PASTOR HANDSCHUH, of Lancaster, to the congregation at York.]

To our beloved brethren in the faith, the deacons and elders and members of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation at York:

The Gracious Hand of our God, with respect to our brethren in the faith, has led to the necessity of ordaining Mr. Kurtz as a pastor, consecrating with proper solemnities the church at Philadelphia, and holding in connection with it a general Church convention. The time appointed is the approaching Tenth Sunday after Trinity, and the succeeding Monday, and probably Tuesday. To these peaceful and public solemnities we have been compelled to issue, in haste, the invitations to the church councils, deacons and elders of each of the congregations connected with us. We ask you, therefore, to be so kind as to appoint one of your deacons, and, if possible, our dear brother, Mr. Eichelberger, and to send him, at your expense, to Philadelphia. Since also Mr. Billmeier, our worthy brother in the Lord, desires, within the next three weeks to make a trip to Philadelphia, it will do no harm if he also attend the meeting. Kindly invite him, therefore, to arrange to accompany Mr. Eichelberger, so as to be in Philadelphia by next Saturday evening. If, however, his business prevent, and your circumstances so permit, you might defray either all or the half of his traveling expenses. Confer as to what can be done, without any great loss on your part. Leave your preacher, our beloved Brother Schaum,² at home, since he must preach next Sunday in Connawaka, and cannot travel so far, and my dear brother in the ministry is, for other reasons, in some uncertainty. I will expect, therefore, to meet one of your deacons, and if possible, Mr. Billmeier, next Saturday evening in Philadelphia. The Lord bless you all. May He prosper every effort for the glory of His

¹ For account of this conference in May, 1744, see Acrelius' *History of New Sweden* (English Translation), pp. 242-254.

² Mr. Schaum's position was that of a supply. Up to preceding May, he was school teacher in Philadelphia, and had been sent to York on trial, H. N., new ed., p. 385. He was not ordained until 1749, *Ib.* p. 151.

Name, and the extension of His Evangelical Lutheran Church, and according to His mercy, give your delegates, and brethren, a safe and pleasant journey!

Mr. Brunnholtz would have invited you with his own hand, but he thought the invitation would be too late. I have thought I would see if it were still feasible, because of the especial love I have for you, my dear brethren in the faith. I remain as ever, your faithful brother and minister of our Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN FREDERICK HANDSCHUH.

LANCASTER, August 8th, 1748.

P. S.—It was not until Saturday afternoon, that I received this information.

III.

[PAST. HANDSCHUH'S DIARY. H. N., n. e. 172-3, o. e. 110-111.]

Aug. 17 [N. S.] 1748, at Lancaster, Church Council met, and three of its members and one deacon were chosen as delegates to attend the church consecration, the ordination of Mr. Kurtz, and the Synod at Philadelphia. To the others the attendance was left free according to the condition of their external circumstances. In Earltown also a deacon was appointed to go. August 21, early, two members of the Church Council, Mr. Viger and I rode away towards Philadelphia. On the 22d, in the afternoon we arrived there in safety, but very tired. Found Brother Brunnholtz at home, where Mr. Hartwig also soon joined us. Aug. 23, the most important questions from all parts of theology were laid before Mr. Kurtz to be answered in writing. August 24, after dinner, Brother Mühlenberg with his wife arrived from Providence. Towards 3 o'clock, Mr. Kurtz handed in his written answers to all the questions given him. These we together read and criticised somewhat, after which he was orally examined. Afterwards the necessary matters concerning Mr. Kurtz were talked over with the entire Church Council of Tulpehocken. August 25, early, towards 10 o'clock, we preachers together with the Church Council, elders and deacons of each of the congregations united with us, went into church in pairs. Mr. Mühlenberg consecrated the newly built church at Philadelphia, and the consecration was confirmed by a brief prayer by each of the preachers as they knelt about the altar. I preached the sermon on the Gospel for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity. After the sermon, Mr. Hartwig and I administered the communion, of which all of us united preachers partook. In the afternoon, Mr. Hartwig preached. After his sermon Mr. Kurtz was ordained. Mr. Mühlenberg earnestly and impressively de-

livered the necessary charge to him; thereupon the hands of Mühlenberg, the Swedish Provost, Mr. Sandin, the Swedish preacher, Mr. Magister Nässmann, Mr. Hartwig, Mr. Brunnholtz and myself were laid upon him, and then we all, the three Reformed preachers, two of whom only arrived yesterday, and others congratulated him. August 26, Mr. Kurtz preached. After the sermon, a Synod was held in which everything passed off in an orderly and peaceful manner, for which we cannot sufficiently thank God.

IV.

[DIARY OF PAST. KURTZ, Tulpehocken.]

Aug. 12, I arrived in Philadelphia, where to my great joy I met Pastor Hartwig from New York. Toward afternoon ten main questions, together with the minor questions connected with them were laid before me in writing, for me to answer, which I did, as far as God gave grace, and the shortness of the time permitted.

Aug. 13, in the afternoon, I was examined on the above mentioned questions by Past. Mühlenberg, Hartwig and Handschuh. In the evening, the license and petition for a regular preacher were laid before the deacons of Tulpehocken for their signatures, and I signed a revers; the call to Tulpehocken was then handed to me.

Aug. 14. To-day the church in Phil. was consecrated by P. Mühlenberg. P. Handschuh preached. We then took the Communion. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock service was again held. Past. Hartwig preached on Acts 20: 18-21: "What a teacher has to do, or must do, if he wishes to be innocent of the blood of his hearers." Then my duty was defined, and I was consecrated and appointed to the holy ministry by prayer and supplication, by P. Mühlenberg, in the presence of the Swedish preachers. P. Mühlenberg explained the meaning of the laying on of hands, certainly a difficult and important office. May the gracious and merciful God keep me ever mindful of this! May He assist me, and grant wisdom, faithfulness, watchfulness and untiring carefulness, humility and purity, not only that I may save my own soul, but also that, with all faithfulness, I may tend those entrusted to me, that I may not through negligence be guilty of their blood! My great unfitness renders this office difficult for me, but may the God who has called me, give strength and fitness; for this reason I plead humbly, "Lord, forsake me not, and, as it pleases Thee, bestow upon my office Thy blessing, should it even be but a single soul that I may save. Thine shall be the honor. Amen."

Aug. 15. To-day the Synod was held; I preached on the text given

me, Acts 26: 18, from which I showed the object of the ministry: 1. In what it consists; 2, the blessed gain they have in whom it is attained.

V.

[PASTOR MÜHLENBERG'S REPORT, 1748. H. N., n. e. 392-3; o. e. 284-6.]

Aug. 14, the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, the invited preachers and delegated elders of our United Congregations assembled in and before Pastor Brunnholtz's dwelling, and went to the church in procession. The Swedish Provost, Mr. Sandin, and Pastor Hartwig led; Pastor Brunnholtz and I followed with the Church Councils of Philadelphia and Germantown, and the delegates of the congregations at Providence, New Hanover, Upper Milford and Saccum; after these came Pastor Handschuh with the delegates from the city of Lancaster and Earl-town; last of all followed Mr. Kurtz with the delegates from Tulpehocken and the Nordkiel. Mr. Schaum could not conveniently attend with his delegates, because Yorktown is farthest removed and the invitation was not received early enough because of the shortness of the time. At the beginning of the service the hymn "*Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, erfüll mit,*" etc., was sung antiphonally and in harmony. All the preachers present stood around the altar, and all the delegates from the congregations formed a semicircle on the organ loft. After the hymn, one of us read a congratulation written in English, which the oldest of the Swedish preachers [Tranberg] had sent, as he could not himself be present. Thereupon one of us made a short address, calling to mind that the foundation stones of this church had been laid with the intention that in it the Evangelical Lutheran doctrine, according to the foundation of the Prophets and Apostles, and the unaltered Augsburg Confession and all the other Symbolical Books, should be taught; and recounting under what sad circumstances, temptations and trials (yea, under how many buffetings of Satan) God and so many worthy friends for God's sake had with gentle hand sustained us, so that the building had been brought so far, though with difficulty. Then the whole church, and its parts, the pulpit, the baptismal font, and altar were again consecrated to the use of the only saving Word and the Holy Sacraments, according to our Symbolical Books; and the Church Board ("das Kirchen Collegium") of Philadelphia, had to promise publicly and orally that they would strive with God's assistance to keep the church (according to the foregoing consecration) unto their children and children's children, for the aforementioned purpose, as long as God would protect it from fire, water and other accidents. Finally the fact was also urged, that the church was only an external structure, and had been built to the end,

that through it the hearts of all hearers should be prepared, as holy temples of the Living God. After this address several stanzas of the hymn, "*Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut*," etc., were sung. Then the preachers and delegates knelt and with hearty and earnest prayer commended to the Omnipresent God the church now named, St. Michael's. Provost Sandin and Mr. Magister Näsman offered prayer in Swedish, Pastors Brunnholtz, Hartwig, Handschuh and Kurtz in German, and the contents of the prayers amounted to this, that in this house the Name of the Most High God might be hallowed through pure doctrine and holy life, that in it His kingdom might be advanced and His will done, and thereby the holy purpose of all friends and benefactors be attained. After this, another hymn was sung, baptism was administered, and then a very edifying and forcible sermon was preached by Pastor Handschuh. After the sermon, we preachers and some members of the congregations partook of the Lord's Supper, and with it closed the service.

In the afternoon, we again went to the church in procession. Pastor Hartwig preached an edifying sermon on the words, Ezek. 33: 8. "His blood will I require at thy hand." After the sermon, Provost Sandin, Pastors Brunnholtz, Hartwig, Handschuh and I, together with the candidate, Mr. Kurtz, who was to be ordained, took our places about the altar, and three Reformed preachers were witnesses. The delegates from all the congregations again formed a semi-circle, one of us read the formula of ordination, offered prayer at the close, and with the other preachers laid his hand upon the candidate, and thereby consecrated him to the holy ministry.

August 15, we preachers and the delegates again assembled in the church, and held the first General Conference or Synod, as it is to be called, the transactions of which, however, as yet mostly concerned only the external organization.

VI.

EXTRACT AND COPY OF THE GENERAL CHURCH PROTOCOL KEPT BY REV. BRUNNHOLTZ AND SIGNED BY THOSE PRESENT IN THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 15, 1748. Hallesche Nachrichten, n. e. 208-211.

The United Congregations held a meeting at which were present :

PREACHERS: The Swedish Provost Sandin, Hartwig from New York, Mühlenberg, Brunnholtz, Handschuh and Kurtz.

TRUSTEE OF THE SWEDISH CHURCH: Mr. Koch.

DELEGATED ELDERS AND DEACONS FROM THE UNITED CONGREGATIONS: From Philadelphia, all members of the Church Council and deacons were present.

Germantown: Michael Eye, John Grothausen, Anton Hinkel and Deacon Anton Gilbert.

Providence: Frederick Marsteller, Anton Heilman, Hieronymus Haas.

New Hanover: Jurg Jurger, Andreas Kepner, Carl Beyer.

Filial, Upper Milford: Matthias Ox, Heinrich Ritter.

Filial, Saccum: Balthes Beil.

Tulpehocken: Balthes Anspach, Hannes Immel, Abraham Lauk.

Filial, Nordkiel: Andreas Beyer.

Lancaster: Dr. Adam Kuhn, Christopher Trenkel, Ludwig Stein, Michael Gross, Bernhard Hubele, Michael Schreyak.

Filial, Earlingstown: Jacob Leitner.

To New York across the Susquehanna, where Mr. Schaum is stationed, Mr. Handschuh had written, but on account of the shortness of the time and the length of the way, no one was here.

The hymn, "*Du süsse Lieb, schenk uns deine Gunst,*" etc., was sung: then prayer was offered.

Mühlenberg delivered the opening address, as follows:

This union has long been desired, but until now it has not been effected, etc.

It is known that five years ago an attempt towards this was made in the Swedish Church. But one of the preachers, namely Nyberg, defeated it, because he said the Lancaster people had already prepared an Order, and their preacher only talked, instead of preached to them. During the investigation concerning the Moravians, the assembly was broken up, the matter was dragged into the papers, etc.

A twisted cord of many threads will not easily break. There must be unity among us. Every member in the congregations has children. The deacons would have great responsibility, if they were negligent in helping to create good order, especially in behalf of the children, who, if they were neglected, would help to condemn their parents.

We are here assembled for this purpose, and, if God will, we shall assemble yearly; this is only a trial and test. We preachers who are here present, not having wandered hither of our own will, but called and necessitated, are bound to give an account to God and our conscience. We stand in connection with our Fathers in Europe. We must provide not only for ourselves, but also for our posterity, etc., etc.

I. EACH CONGREGATION WAS ASKED ON WHAT TERMS IT WAS WITH ITS PASTOR.

The Church Council of Philadelphia testified that they were well satisfied with their Pastor Brunnholtz, that he exerted himself only too much; they wish that God may grant him good health.

The Germantown congregation has nothing to say against its Pastor Brunnholtz.

Providence and New Hanover are very well satisfied with their pastor, Mr. Mühlenberg.

Tulpehocken is thankful for its new preacher Kurtz, whom the whole congregation desires. They ask the united preachers that a letter of introduction be given them in reference to him. We promised it to them.

Lancaster and Earlingstown are all well satisfied with Mr. Handschuh, and wish that he may be appointed as their regular teacher for all time.

II. THE CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

Brunnholtz reports concerning his schools. In Philadelphia he has out of love for the common welfare had a school held in his house for three years and a half; has supported Mr. Schaum for this purpose; since Easter there has been no school, because there was neither school-master, nor the necessary support, as Mr. Schaum had to be used elsewhere. But before winter, he and his elders will do all in their power.

In Germantown he now has two school-masters. The one is Mr. Döling, a theological student, who formerly was among the Moravians, but left them several years ago. He keeps school in the heart of Germantown and has many children, but not all are evangelical. At the extreme end of Germantown, there has been a school for almost three years. Near Germantown, there has also been a school of some twenty children. But it is now broken up, because of the lack of support and a school-master.

Mühlenberg reported that in Providence there was a school last year, but it was very small; for the members of the congregation live very far apart. The elders hope to be more zealous in the future, if it be possible, to bring the children together.

In New Hanover there is a fair school. Jacob Löser is the school-master. The congregational treasury contributes somewhat to it.

In the filials Saccum and Upper Milford, there is no school; if the congregations could make provision for a school, a teacher could be had. But the elders answer that the congregations could not have a school together on account of the distance. The proposition was made, whether they could not alternate with the school-master each month. In that case the Synod desires an early answer from them.

In Tulpehocken there is no school. Mr. Kurtz proposes to teach school there himself this winter, if he have time.

In Nordkiel, a filial of Tulpehocken, the congregation is scattered, one part belonging to Wagner, one part to Stöver, and one part to Mr. Kurtz, and therefore no provision for a school as yet.

Handschuh and his elders report that the school has been flourishing now for a year, since Mr. Schmidt has instructed nearly seventy chil-

dren, in which work Mr. Vigera assisted; but as Mr. Schmidt has decided to go to Europe, they are anxious to know where they may get another in his place.

In Earlingstown there is no school.

III. CONCERNING THE CHURCH CEREMONIES THAT HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.

All the elders of the congregations testify in the name of their congregations, that they are well satisfied to use the same ceremonies, since the preachers are united, and they have no objections to our *agende*, except that the public service lasts too long, especially in the cold winter. They ask that it be made briefer; they leave it to the Ministerium, what to shorten and how.

The preachers promise to strive after brevity, and before they separate, to deliberate and decide the matter.

IV. WHY OTHER SO-CALLED PREACHERS, AS STÖVER, STREITER, ANDREÄ AND WAGNER WERE NOT INVITED.

Mr. Mühlenberg shows that we can have no fellowship and close brotherhood with them, for 1, they decry us as Pietists, without reason; 2, they have not been sent hither, have neither an inner nor an external call; 3, they are not willing to observe the same Church Order that we do; each wants to conform to the ceremonies of his home; 4, six years' experience has taught Mr. Mühlenberg that they care for nothing but their bread; 5, they are under no Consistorium, and give no account of their official doings.

V. MR. WAGNER ACCUSES MR. MÜHLENBERG OF HAVING DRIVEN HIM FROM TULPEHOCKEN.

The Tulpehocken elders were asked, according to their best knowledge and conscience, to inform the meeting as to this matter.

The Church Council of Tulpehocken answered: 1, Mr. Mühlenberg did not force himself upon them. 2, The congregation and its elders have since 1742 urgently requested Mr. Mühlenberg to take charge of them; 3, Mr. Wagner himself resigned in Tulpehocken, as he never succeeded in Tulpehocken, and the divisions in the congregation continually increased. They proposed to wait to see how matters go this year. The elders are exhorted to prayer.

Whether those who have left Evangelical congregations, and again join them, but refuse to acknowledge themselves members of the congregation by signing their names, must be compelled to do this, and if they will not sign, be regarded as no members?

This question was brought up by Mr. Handschuh, because the people in Lancaster do not wish to receive any who do not sign.

The meeting thinks that brethren, who had deserted, should be mildly treated at first.

Brunnholtz produces several examples of such persons, who formerly were Moravians, but are now faithful members of the congregation, although they have not signed the congregation's constitution.

The meeting admonishes the Lancaster people to act wisely in the matter, and to entrust it to their preacher.

The elders from Lancaster abide by their opinion, and will let the matter rest until next year.

One of the preachers earnestly before God exhorted all elders who were not yet entirely converted, to be converted from the heart, because otherwise they could not fill their office as they ought, and too much would fall upon the preacher in the congregation.

They remained silent.

After one and another had spoken, and since this was only arranged as an attempt at a closer union and a trial for the future, the meeting after some deliberation, decided that our annual Synod should be held alternately in the two cities, Philadelphia and Lancaster. Therefore if God will, it shall be in Lancaster next year. Two elders must come from each congregation at the congregation's expense. The preachers appoint the time.

Mr. Hartwig delivers an address to the elders, and wishes the congregations all prosperity. Provost Sandin is heartily thanked by Brunnholtz in the name of the congregations, for the honor of his presence. He answers, wishes us all God's blessing and grace, and desires to be a member with us. This shall serve as a good example to him, since he came into this country for the purpose of accomplishing a similar work among the Swedes.

The Philadelphia elders thank the elders for their presence at their church consecration, and invite them to partake of a light meal. In closing, "*Du höchster Tröster,*" etc., was sung.

Signed: Mühlenberg, Brunnholtz, Handschuh, Kurtz, Henry Schleydorn, in the name of the others from Philadelphia, Grothausen from Germantown, Marsteller from Providence, Jurg Jurger from New Hanover, Christ. Trenkel from Lancaster, Abraham Lauk from Tulpehocken, Andr. Beyer, Leitner, Beil, etc., etc.

VII.

THE CHURCH AGENDA (LITURGY) OF 1748.

[Begun at Providence, April 27–29 (H. N., n. e. p. 449), and completed at Philadelphia, according to promise made the lay delegates, as above recorded. The translation by Dr. C. W. Schaeffer of the text as prepared by Dr. B. M. Schmucker for the new edition of H. N., by a comparison of two MSS., is herewith given. In addition to the two known to Dr. Schmucker, a third MS., that of Goering, is in the collection of the Lutheran Historical Library at Gettysburg, Pa., from which Dr. C. A. Hay has translated extracts in his “Life of Goering,” Philadelphia, 1887.]

[The Agenda of 1748 was never printed; but each pastor provided himself with a written copy for his own use. Two of these copies came into the hands of the late Rev. Dr. J. W. Richards of Reading, who himself was a descendant of the patriarch Mühlenberg. The oldest and most complete copy came down from the hands of Pastor Jacob Van Buskerk, and is from the year 1763. It has the Chapters and paragraphs numbered, while the ritual and liturgical appointments are complete. The other copy is from the hand of Pastor Peter Mühlenberg, who was in Dunmore County, Va., at the time when this copy was written—that is, in 1769. Here the chapters and paragraphs are not numbered. The directions for the several divisions are not given in full; but the liturgical material is complete.

What we here furnish in print is taken from the copy of Pastor Van Buskerk, and varies from it only in certain unimportant parts, that have been somewhat confused, the correction being supplied from the copy of Peter Mühlenberg. Notice of these variations is always given.

All the contents of the Liturgy are given, in regular order; yet only the more important parts are printed in full.]

CHAPTER I.

THE MANNER IN WHICH PUBLIC WORSHIP SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ALL OUR CONGREGATIONS.

§ 1

When the pastor enters the church the service shall begin with the singing of the hymn “*Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist*,” either entire, or several verses of it; or a verse of the hymn “*Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*.”

§ 2.

After the singing of the hymn, or the verse, the pastor goes to the altar, turns his face to the congregation, and says:

Beloved in the Lord!

Thus saith the High and Lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose Name is

Holy : I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones : I will not always chide, neither will I keep anger forever : only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Accompany me therefore in making confession of sins, saying :

I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, my heavenly Father, that I have grievously and in various ways sinned against Him ; not only by outward and gross sins, but much more by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, despondency, impatience, pride, selfishness, carnal lusts, avarice, envy, hatred and malice, and by other sinful passions which are naked and open in the sight of my Lord and God, but which I, alas ! cannot so fully understand. But I do sincerely repent, in deep sorrow, for these my sins ; and with my whole heart I cry for mercy from the Lord, through His dear Son Jesus Christ, being resolved, with the help of the Holy Ghost, to amend my sinful life. Amen.

Lord God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. Lord God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. Lord God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

§ 3.

After the confession the hymn "*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*" shall be sung.

§ 4.

During the singing of the last verse the pastor goes to the altar, turns his face to the congregation, and says :

The Lord be with you.

The congregation responds :

And with thy spirit.

The pastor says :

Let us pray.

Then he prays in the words of the Collect which is appointed for the Sunday or the festival, in the Marburg Hymn-book. After the Collect the lesson from the Epistle shall be read, being introduced with the following words :

Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the lesson for this day, from the, etc.

§ 5.

Then shall be sung the principal hymn, selected by the pastor, from the hymns in the Marburg Hymn-book—one familiar to the whole congregation. The whole hymn, or only a part of it, shall be sung, as circumstances may decide.

§ 6.

After the singing of the principal hymn, the Gospel lesson shall be read, being introduced with the same words as before the epistle. After the Gospel the pastor repeats devoutly the Creed, in verse, "*Wir glauben all.*" If children are present to be baptized, the Gospel and the Creed are omitted.

§ 7.

Before the sermon the hymn "*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier,*" or "*Herr Jesu Christ, Dich zu uns wend,*" is sung, either entire or in part.

§ 8.

Ordinarily the sermon shall be limited to three-quarters of an hour, or, at the utmost, to one hour. If the pastor is moved to have an exordium or a series of supplications before he begins the Lord's Prayer, he is at liberty to do so. After the Lord's Prayer, as usual, [the Gospel is read?] during which reading the congregation shall stand. The sermon being concluded, nothing else shall be read than the appointed Church-prayer here following, or the Litany instead of it, by way of change; and nothing but necessity shall occasion its omission. . . .

After the General Prayer petitions for the sick shall follow, in case request has been made to that effect; then shall follow the Lord's Prayer, and then whatever proclamation and notices may be required. When all is done, the pastor closes with the Votum:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus, unto eternal life. Amen.

§ 9.

[This paragraph is taken from the copy of Peter Mühlenberg.]

Then a hymn shall be sung. After the sermon and the closing hymn the pastor goes to the altar and says:

"The Lord be with you."

Cong. Resp. "And with thy spirit."

Pastor. "Let us pray."

Hold us up, O Lord, Lord our God, that we may live; and let our hope never make us ashamed. Help us by Thy might, that we may wax strong; and so shall we ever delight ourselves in Thy statutes, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

After the sermon in the afternoon shall be sung the hymn "*Ach, bleib bei uns Herr Jesu Christ.*" Then shall follow

The Benediction.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee, give thee peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then a verse shall be sung at the close.

CHAPTER II.

OF BAPTISM AND WHAT IS TO BE OBSERVED AT ITS ADMINISTRATION.

[This agrees, nearly word for word, with the printed Liturgy of 1786.]

CHAPTER III.

OF PROCLAIMING THE BANNES.

CHAPTER IV.

OF CONFESSION AND THE HOLY COMMUNION.

§ 1.

Ordinarily, whenever circumstances admit of it, the Supper of the Lord shall be administered on Christmas, on Easter, and on Pentecost. It may also be administered at other times, as the necessities of the congregation may demand.

§ 2.

The pastor shall give notice from the pulpit of the administration of the Lord's Supper, one week or two weeks before the time of its celebration. To this notice he shall add a short exhortation, and at the same time he shall inform the people as to the day when they shall report themselves to him and have their names recorded.

§ 3.

The pastor shall keep a register of the communicants, which is to continue in the care of the congregation.

§ 4.

In case the pastor should know that, among those who call upon him to report their names for the Holy Communion, there is one or more who are living in strife, or occasioning public scandal, and his own influence should not be sufficient to remedy the evil, he may call the vestry of the congregation together, and direct such offenders to appear before them, with their plea and answer.

§ 5.

On the day before the administration of the Lord's Supper, and at the hour appointed by the pastor, the communicants shall all assemble in the church, when the following order shall be observed :

1. A penitential hymn, or a hymn suited to the object of the meeting, shall be sung.

2. After the hymn the pastor, speaking from the pulpit, exhorts the people to repentance ; and in the application makes use of what he may have observed and learned about their spiritual state at the time when they reported their names.

3. After the Lord's Prayer the pastor reads aloud the names of the communicants that have been reported to him.

4. After the reading of the names a verse is sung, and the pastor goes before the altar and receives and writes the names of those persons who, for satisfactory reasons, could not report themselves before.

5. Then the pastor calls upon the male communicants first, to come before him, and addresses to them the following questions :

I now ask you in the presence of the omniscient God, and upon the testimony of your own conscience :

1, 2. [The first two questions have been retained unchanged in all subsequent editions of the Pennsylvania Liturgy.]

3. I ask you: Whether you are fully resolved, with the help of God, to yield yourselves entirely to the gracious direction of the Holy Spirit, by His word ; in order that by the power, the help, and the grace of the same, sin may be subdued

in you, the old man with his evil deeds and corrupt affections be weakened and overcome by daily sorrow and repentance, and that you may win a complete victory over the world and all its allurements?

If this be your serious purpose, confess it and answer, Yes.

4. Finally, I ask you: Whether any one of you yet has, in his heart, any complaint against another.

6. After these questions are answered, then the pastor and all of them together kneel down, when one of the communicants leads in repeating the confession of sin aloud, the pastor himself adding a few words of prayer.

[The copy of Van Buskerk has no form of confession for this act; but the Mühlenberg copy supplies the following:]

I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, my heavenly Father, that I have grievously and in various ways sinned against Him, not only by outward, etc.; . . . with the help of the Holy Ghost to amend my sinful life. Amen. [The same as under § 2.]

7. The pastor pronounces the absolution in the following words:

Upon this confession of sin which you have now made, I, a minister of my Lord Jesus Christ, hereby declare, to all those who are truly penitent and heartily believe in Jesus Christ, and are sincerely resolved, in heart, to amend their lives and daily to grow in grace, to them I declare the forgiveness of all their sins; in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

But, on the other hand, I declare to all who are impenitent, to the hypocritical as well as the openly ungodly, and I testify, by the Word of God, and in the name of Jesus, that so long as they continue in their impenitent state, loving sin and hating righteousness, God will not forgive their sins, but retains their sins against them, and will assuredly punish and condemn them for their iniquities, in the end, except they turn to Him, now, in this day of grace; except they sincerely forsake all their evil ways, and come to Christ in true repentance and faith; which we heartily pray they may do. Amen.

Then the Service shall close with the singing of a verse, and the Benediction pronounced by the pastor.

[Here a leaf is missing from the Van Buskerk copy, that retained all of the Retentio, after the words "open ungodly," and the beginning of the order for the Holy Communion. The missing portions are supplied from the Mühlenberg copy. The Van Buskerk copy, which is defective in Sections 6 and 7, begins again in Section 8.]

THE HOLY COMMUNION.

The minister goes before the altar, places the bread and the wine in order, then turns to the congregation and says:

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Congregation. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us lift up our hearts.

Congregation. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Sabaoth.

Congregation. The whole earth is full of His glory.

§ 8.

Before the Communion the pastor addresses the communicants in the exhortation here following.

Beloved in the Lord !

[Here follows Luther's Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer, and his exhortation to the sacrament, exactly as it occurs in his "Deutsche Messe" (German Communion) of 1526.]

§ 9.

The pastor turns his face to the bread and wine, and repeats the Lord's Prayer and the Words of Institution.

Let us pray: Our Father, etc.

Our Lord Jesus Christ in the night . . . in remembrance of me.

§ 10.

Then the pastor turns to the congregation and says:

Now let all those who are found to be prepared, by the experience of sincere repentance and faith, approach, in the name of the Lord, and receive the Holy Supper.

§ 11.

In giving the bread the pastor shall say these words:

Take and eat: this is the true¹ Body of your Lord Jesus Christ, given unto death for you; may this strengthen you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

In giving the cup:

Take and drink; this is the true Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ, of the New Testament, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, unto everlasting life. Amen.

§ 12.

The communion being finished, the pastor shall say:

Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: Hallelujah.

The congregation responds:

And His mercy endureth forever: Hallelujah.

Then the pastor says the following collect:

We give Thee thanks, O gracious God, our Heavenly Father, because Thou hast refreshed us with these Thy salutary gifts; and we humbly beseech Thee to strengthen us, through the same, in faith toward Thee, and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Receive the blessing of the Lord.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee, etc. Amen.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

VIII.

EXAMINATION AND ORDINATION OF CATECHIST KURTZ.

We, the undersigned, on the twelfth of August, submitted to Catechist Kurtz, the following questions, to be answered in writing, as a preparation for the examination to be held the next day:

¹The insertion of "true" was a concession to Revs. Wagner, Stöver, etc. See Mann's "Life of Mühlenberg," pp. 185 sqq.

I. N. J. C.

I. The candidate is to prepare a sketch of his life, giving, in as brief a compass as possible, an account of its chief events and of his academical studies. As this may readily become too extensive, it will suffice, if he briefly narrate: 1. His first awakening; 2. How God furthered the work of grace in his heart; 3. What moved him to study for the holy ministry, and where, in what branches and under whose direction, he has attempted to prepare himself.

II. What theological books does he have?

III. Mention the Chief Divisions of Theology, and answer the following questions concerning—1. What is Theology? 2. A general answer to the question: What is Sin, and a more specific statement as to what is Original Sin? 3. Describe the Sin against the Holy Ghost; 4. Give an extended description of the Justification of the Sinner before God, and confirm it with proof texts; 5. What is Saving Faith? 6. Whether and in how far are good works necessary to Salvation? 7. What is Sanctification, and how is it promoted? 8. In how far is Death the Wages of Sin (*a*), in the converted, (*b*), in the unconverted?

IV. Whether our Evangelical Lutheran is the only justifying and saving faith, and upon what scriptural foundations does it rest?

V. Give an exegetical explanation of Luke 16: 8.

VI. Prepare from this the theme and skeleton of a sermon, with application.

VII. Describe the true character and duties of an evangelical preacher.

VIII. How an evangelical preacher should conduct himself towards the dying who confess that they are sinners in general, without confessing any special sin?

IX. Whether, and in how far evangelical preachers can and should be in subordination to one another?

The answers, with the questions and proofs, to be neatly written out, and to be ready for submission by three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

All for the glory of God, and the good of the Church!

PETER BRUNNHOLTZ.

JOHN FREDERICK HANDSCHUH.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER HARTWIG.

H. Mühlenberg had not yet arrived.

IX.

[Of the answers to the questions, the following on the confessional basis is of especial interest.]

WHETHER OUR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DOCTRINE IS THE ONLY SAYING
DOCTRINE.

I hesitate to say, yea, I dare not say, that those, who are outside of this doctrine, who by their name fail to confess this doctrine, should be condemned.

Yet, to the question, whether our Evangelical Lutheran doctrine be the only justifying and saving doctrine, I reply: Yea and Amen, and this I prove by the following:

1. Because it teaches the Word of God in its truth and purity.
2. Because we, as the children of God, lead holy lives in accordance with it.

It is the first proof which is of importance to me here.

With us the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity; therefore, our doctrine is the only saving doctrine. Now I must prove the first sentence:

Those principles or articles of a doctrine, which clearly and plainly have their foundation in the Word of God and again, which are articles, necessary to salvation, are the most correct and best.

Now, since the fundamental articles of the Lutheran doctrines clearly and plainly have their foundation in the Word of God, and since they are necessary to salvation, they must be the most correct and the best.

If we examine our Symbolical Books, which contain the principles of our doctrine or religion, we will find that they are *taken from* the Word of God and *substantiated by* the Word of God. Consequently they belong to the class of symbols, which set forth the correct divine truth. The passage, Acts 9 [4], "for there is none other name," is firmly established with us.

The passage, "Repent ye and believe the Gospel," is also not less firmly established with us, and the third and ninth chapters of the Epistle to the Romans are duly recognized.

The doctrine concerning the Person, the Offices and the States of our Redeemer, is also clearly taught among us.

X.

FROM "REVERS" OF JOHN NICHOLAS KURTZ. [H. N., n. e., p. 135].

I acknowledge myself bound to carefully fulfill the following conditions of my call, even though not expressly mentioned in the written call:

- I. To show the respect to the Rev. Pastors of the United Congrega-

tions, to which I was bound in the certificate of the call, given me by Dr. Francke at Halle, May 21, 1744.

II. To regard my congregation as only a part of the United Congregations.

III. To teach in my congregation nothing, whether publicly or privately, but what harmonizes with the Word of God and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and, to this end, to study them diligently.

IV. To introduce no other ceremonies in public worship, and the administration of the sacraments, than those introduced by "the College of Pastors" of the United Congregations, and to use no other formulas than those which they approve.

V. To undertake nothing important, either alone or in connection with the Church Council, without communicating with "the College of Pastors," and receiving their opinion, and acquiescing in their advice.

VI. To give an account of my official acts, either orally or in writing, as the "Reverend College of Pastors" may require.

VII. To keep a diary and journal and enter therein my official acts, and all notable incidents.

VIII. If they call me away, to accept the call, and not resist. These items, and everything naturally implied therein, I acknowledge as the conditions of my call, and my obligation thereto. I also declare to every one that, if I intentionally act against any one, or more, or all of these particulars, I will thereby forfeit all the privileges to which my call entitles me, and will acknowledge myself, as, by such unfaithfulness, deserving due punishment.

In testimony whereof, I attach my hand and seal, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

JOHN NICHOLAS KURTZ.

Witnesses :

ABRAHAM LAUCK.

JOHN NICHOLAS SCHWINGEL.

PHILADELPHIA, August 13, 1748.

XI.

FROM A LETTER TO THE SYNOD FROM THE TULPEHOCKEN CONGREGATION.

[H. N., n. e., pp. 139 sq.].

The reasons that move us to have recourse to the "Reverend College of Pastors," in regard to matters pertaining to our souls, and to call them as our pastors, are, among others, chiefly the following:

1. Their true, regular, and, consequently, divine call.

2. The good testimonies given by the spiritual fathers and public teachers of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in Europe, who have shone, for many years, as lights in the entire Protestant Church, because of their zeal for the maintenance of the evangelical doctrine according to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and their correct life in accordance with the same, and the entire Word of God, from which it is taken. Of these, especially important are the testimonies of those of the University of Halle, in Saxony, which is like a city set upon a hill. . . .

3. We are moved also by your steadfastness in the confession and doctrine of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, which is violently attacked here, partly by false brethren, partly by fanatical sects, partly by Epicureans, as well as by others. In these attacks you have stood not only for your own persons, but also have kept together, collected and increased the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. This is said to the glory of God who aided you.

4. We are impressed by your faithful administration of your office, whereby you have turned many from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, and retained them.

5. Your ministerial gifts and prudence, and also your experience and your ability to accommodate yourselves to the peculiar circumstances of this country.

6. This union encourages us with the hope that the blessings experienced in the foundation may be perpetuated for us and our posterity.

7. The fidelity and carefulness you have shown in the administration of your office, not only in your own United Congregations, but also in others that have resorted to you.

These, and still other circumstances, have moved us, in view of our need, to place confidence in you, reverend sirs, next to that which we have in God; and the desire has arisen that we may be incorporated with the United Congregations in Pennsylvania, and be recognized as brethren and members of a particular congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and thus share in the pastoral care of the entire "College of Pastors" of the United Congregations.

We hereby most publicly and solemnly petition, recognize and declare all the pastors of the United Congregations of Pennsylvania, as our pastors and shepherds, and fully authorize them to care for the interests of our souls in whatsoever way, and through what means, and as long as they may wish. We promise, furthermore, to recognize the aforesaid "College of Pastors" of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations in Pennsylvania, as a true and regular Presbytery and Ministerium, and, particularly, as our chief pastors, and to respect them as

such. Nor will we do, determine or change anything in church matters, without their previous knowledge and consent. Consequently, not only will we have no dealings with any other preacher, but we will not undertake anything important, even in connection with the preacher whom they send, unless said undertaking be previously known and approved by them. Whatever said "College of Pastors" determines in regard to matters pertaining to us and our congregation, when due information is given, we will accept, and, as far as we are able, will fulfill.

Furthermore, we promise that whatever minister is sent by the "College of Pastors" we will acknowledge and respect and obey, as our regular and divinely-called pastor, as long as said "College of Pastors" deem it advisable for him to remain with us. Nor will we object, if, for important reasons, they agree to call him elsewhere, and supply his place with another pastor. Said successor will be received with equal love and fidelity. We also promise that should any misunderstanding or division occur, which may God forbid! either between the congregation, or a part thereof, and the pastor; or between the members of the congregation, we will report the same to the "College of Pastors," await the result, and acquiesce in their decision.

SECOND CONVENTION.

1749.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(June 4, in Lancaster).

I.

[PASTOR MÜHLENBERG'S REPORT OF HIS OFFICIAL TRANSACTIONS, 1749. Hallesche Nachrichten (n. e.) 492-3. (o. e. 329-330.)]

The congregation at Yorktown, in Pennsylvania, where Mr. Schaum had been stationed up to this time, earnestly requested us to ordain their preacher, because Valentine Kraft and his followers were intimating there that Mr. Schaum's official acts were not valid. Since we already had provisional permission from our most worthy Fathers, we appointed the fourth of June for the ordination, and the fifth for the General Conference in the city of Lancaster.

. . . . June 3, we examined Mr. Schaum, completed the papers relating to the call, (vocation) and had them signed by those deacons and elders from Yorktown who were present.

June 4, the Second Sunday after Trinity, all the preachers and delegates of the United Congregations assembled in front of and in Pastor Handschuh's dwelling, and while the bells were ringing, went to the church in procession in the following order: 1. Pastor Handschuh and his church council; 2, Pastor Brunnholtz, Mr. Weiser and the delegates from Philadelphia and Germantown; 3, Pastor Mühlenberg and the delegates from New Hanover and Providence; 4, Deacon Kurtz and the delegates from Tulpehocken and Nordkiel; 5, Mr. Schaum and his church council from Yorktown. My colleagues made me preach on the Gospel of the Great Supper. After the sermon, all present formed a semi-circle around the altar, and were our witnesses, and prayed with us, while we ordained Mr. Schaum. Afterwards, we preachers, together with several members of the congregation, received the Holy Communion, and with it closed the morning's service. At the afternoon service, Mr. Kurtz preached. In the evening about six o'clock, I had to preach a sermon in our church to the English people, because they have no preacher, and greatly desired such service.

June 5, all the preachers and delegates again went to the church. After Mr. Schaum had preached, they held a conference concerning

the improvement of our United Evangelical Congregations. The congregations at Raritan, Upper Milford and Saccum, had sent no representatives, because they are too remote, but sent letters, which were read in the conference.

II.

[PASTOR HANDSCHUH'S DIARY. H. N. (n. e.) 538-9. (o. e.) 404-6.]

June 1. . . . Very late Rev. Streiter arrived with a deacon from Earl-town, to complain to me of his need. He desired to plead the many advantages to be gained by his being ordained by us, and to enter our fellowship. The ordination offered him by Andreä, Stöver, and Wagner, he did not want.

June 2. Since the ordination of Mr. Schaum as preacher at York is appointed for the coming Sunday, and the general meeting of Synod here at Lancaster for the following Monday, my dear colleagues, Mr. Mühlenberg and Mr. Brunnholtz, with their companion, Mr. Schrenck, an excellent candidate of law, arrived this afternoon. Towards evening, Mr. Schaum also arrived from York. The whole evening, after the people gave us rest, was spent, till a very late hour, in necessary conferences.

June 3. In the afternoon we went to preparatory services. Mr. Brunnholtz preached the sermon, and I delivered the exhortation to repentance and confession. Among the twenty who confessed, there was one man, at whose request, and in whose name, I had to ask the congregation to pardon his former scandalous life. Nor was he satisfied that I had done this, but he also did it in his own words with many tears. Whereupon he was again earnestly exhorted by me, and he faithfully promised that he would, by the grace of God, thoroughly reform his life. About five o'clock, we preachers entered upon an examination of our former helper, Mr. Schaum, which we conducted in turn, amid many useful reminiscences. After it was finished, we had the elders, deacons, and other members of the congregation at York on the Cathoes who were present, come before us, and talked with them about Mr. Schaum's call and ordination. Pastor Mühlenberg, being the oldest, carried on most of the conversation. The York people then extended their call to Mr. Schaum (by which they also called us ordained preachers to be their rightful teachers), after which Mr. Schaum's "*revers*" was read and signed by him, and his church members as witnesses, in accordance with which he promised, with the giving of his hand, to conduct himself faithfully and obediently as our assistant. Finally the call to York, signed by us four [Mühlenberg, Brunnholtz, Handschuh and Kurtz], was extended to him, and with hearty congratulations, this work was ended at a late hour.

On the Second Sunday after Trinity, I baptized a child, and Mr. Mühlenberg preached. After the sermon, he also delivered the address to the one to be ordained, explained to him his official duties, etc. Mr. Brunnholtz offered prayer, and, after the prayer, we consecrated him [Schaum] with the laying on of hands. During the Ordination Service, all of the delegates of church councils, and deacons of the congregations united with us, and stood about the altar as witnesses. In the afternoon, Mr. Kurtz preached an edifying sermon. About five o'clock in the evening, Mr. Mühlenberg again preached to the English in their language.

June 5, at half-past eight, all the members of church councils and deacons of the United Congregations assembled before our dwelling, with whom we went to the church, two and two, each preacher with those from his charge. Mr. Schaum preached the synodical sermon. After the close of the service, our Church Convention was held, thanks to God! in good order, love and unity. The following is what was unanimously decided: 1. No theological student or ex-preacher who has come to us without a regular call and sufficient testimonials, shall be permitted to preach, until he have been satisfactorily examined by us. 2. In the future, parents shall in baptism be asked: "Do you in the name of this child renounce," etc. "Do you in the name of this child believe," etc. 3. Toward all and each of our fellows in the faith and church members, who live in open crime, we are to conduct ourselves in accordance with the precept of our Lord Jesus Christ, Matth. 18: 15-17, and indeed in such wise, that such an one be brought, (*a*) before the preacher alone, (*b*) before the whole Church Council, and the deacons, (*c*) before all the church members who remain standing after service, and they shall be addressed in a brotherly way; but if all this should be fruitless, such an one is to be (*d*) publicly excluded, before all men and from the pulpit, from our church communion and fellowship, in so far that he shall neither stand as sponsor to any child in baptism, nor go to Communion, until he shall have shown genuine proof of improvement. 4. Next year our Church Convention shall be held in Providence with Pastor Mühlenberg. 5. In case one of our United Preachers should die, the other preachers shall assist his congregation and serve it as far as possible. About three o'clock in the afternoon the Church Convention closed, and we went, each preacher with his delegates, three by three, out of church, through a part of the city, to the house of one of the members of our Church Council, where a meal was prepared and more than sixty persons dined. During the meal, edifying hymns were sung alternately in each of the rooms, and everything was ended in the best spirit and to general satisfaction.

THIRD CONVENTION.

1750.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY,

(June 17, in Providence.)

I.

[PASTOR MÜHLENBERG'S REPORT OF HIS OFFICIAL TRANSACTIONS, 1750
Hallesché Nachrichten (n. e.) 507, 595, f. (o. e.) 352-4.]

In the month of June preparations were made for the annual meeting. Providence was appointed as the place, and June 17 and 18, as the time.

June 11, Pastor Brunnholtz arrived in Providence, in order to make the necessary arrangements with me, and to refresh himself in the country air.

June 15, Mr. Weygand, with three elders from Raritan, arrived, as also Pastor Handschuh from Lancaster, but his congregation sent no delegates, although they had been requested to do so. Further, Assistant Schaum came with two delegates from his congregation. Finally Assistant Kurtz with three delegates from Tulpehocken, Substitute Schrenck with four men from his congregations also arrived, and at evening three elders from Raritan.

June 16, we laid Latin examination questions before Mr. Weygand, which he was to answer. On the same day Mr. Handschuh came with his wife, but the congregation sent no delegates, which increased the confusion. . . . At evening the three leading elders of the Raritan congregation arrived, who several weeks before this had sent in writing eight points of complaint against Mr. Weygand. They protested against Mr. Weygand's ordination, and also brought the men who had come with Mr. Weygand over to their side. We preachers, with Mr. Weygand and the men, went to a place alone, and conferred till late at night, heard both parties, and censured Mr. Weygand severely for the points in which he had erred and given offence. But the aforementioned three men insisted that at this time he should not be ordained for their congregation. They wished to see whether he would improve; then he might be ordained for Raritan, at the consecration of their new church. We dared not ordain him by force, but were embarrassed and Mr. Weygand yet more so, because it had become a matter of gen-

eral report that he was to be ordained. This protest was indeed the greatest punishment that Mr. Weygand drew upon himself by his indiscretions.

June 17, the First Sunday after Trinity, there assembled in and before my house Messrs. Brunnholtz, Handschuh, Kurtz, Schaum, Weygand, Schrenck, Rauss, as also the delegates, in number as follows: from Philadelphia, eight; Germantown, six; Providence, twelve; New Hanover, six; the Swedish-English congregation, one; Tulpehocken and Heidelberg, Mr. Weiser and four others; Yorktown, across the Susquehanna, two; Lancaster, one, who, however, came of his own accord, and was not sent by the congregation; from Upper Milford, Saccum, Fork and Saccuna, four; Indianfield, two; Goschenhoppen, two; the Tohecka, two; Macunshey, two; Raritan, six, and Cohenz, two. These all went in procession from my house to the church and held service in peace and reverence before God. We had removed the windows and made protections of green bushes about the church, because the church could not hold the mass of people. Pastor Handschuh preached the chief sermon. (The people complained that they could not understand Handschuh because of his weak voice.) After the sermon I made a short address to the people, on "The Footsteps of God," how for eight years they have abounded in blessings among us scattered Lutherans. Afterwards I also made a short Latin address to my colleagues. After the service the members of the congregation at Providence who lived nearest took their guests home, and shared with them what the Lord had granted them for their nourishment, and I acted the host for the preachers and other good friends, as many as the house could hold. Toward evening most of the delegates again assembled at my house, with the intention that they would have an edifying conversation with the *collegium* of preachers. I did not know with what intention they came, but did the best I could, related something about the mission among the Malabars, among the Jews, and similar things, that were edifying and easily understood. But I could not continue very long, as I was wearied by the great work of the day. Mr. Brunnholtz continued, but was weak, Mr. Handschuh had no strength, and the younger men hid themselves here and there.

This caused dissatisfaction among the delegates, who said they had come so far, since they had thought they would be edified by the presence of the preachers, as they seldom had the opportunity of having so many together; but that most of the preachers had taken no notice of them, and therefore they had but scant fare. The Swedish Provost did not come as he had promised, and sent no letter of excuse, which confirmed the conjecture that Nyberg and his followers had made some attempt.

June 18th we again went to church together, had Mr. Weygand preach, and afterwards held a long conference concerning the external condition and improvement of the congregations. Of the necessity, purpose and usefulness of such a yearly meeting and conference of the preachers and delegated elders of the congregations much might be written, did it not appear to all how and why they are necessary. After the conference nearly eighty persons were supplied with food as they needed, and the preachers were distributed among the guests seeking to edify the delegates and other members of the congregations with profitable conversation. After the meal the results of the conference were reduced to writing, and a copy given to each of the congregations, and the delegates started on their journey home. Again at this meeting and conference everything passed off in an orderly and Christian manner. The preachers remained together and waited for Mr. Wagner, who arrived on June 19, presented his complaints and agreed to a neighborly amnesty with us. God grant that it may be of some advantage both to us and to him!

II.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN. (n. e. pp. 471-3.)]

Copia Protocolli Synodi, held in Providence, June 18, 1750. *Kept by Pastor Handschuh.*

The names of the preachers and members of this meeting present, are :

I. Preachers : Messrs. Mühlenberg, Brunnholtz, Handschuh, Kurtz, Schaum.

II. Catechists : Mr. Weygand, Mr. Schrenck.

III. Mr. Conrad Weiser and Mr. Rauss, as friends.

IV. Members of Church Councils and deacons :

1. Philadelphia: Schoolmaster Vigera, Mr. Schleydorn, Mr. Keppele, Mr. Seckel; the deacons: Thomas Sürmer, Adam Weber and Caspar Gräf. From the congregation voluntarily: Wilhelm Rausk, Johannes Oswald, Johannes Eberle.

2. Germantown: Anton Hinkel, Christoph Rabens, Martin Schwarz; the deacons: Frederick Engel, Jurg [?] Hofmann.

3. Lancaster: Dr. Adam Simon Kuhn.

4. York: Balthasar Knörzer, Barthol. Maul.

5. Tulpehocken: Christoph Näcker, Leonhard Holstein, Conrad Lang.

6. Raritan: Balthasar Pickel, Johann Möhlig, Laurenz Rolofsen, Jacob Schubmann, Adam Vackerodt.

7. Saccum: Balthasar Beil.

8. Upper Milford: Thomas Kerr.
9. The Fork: Gottfried Möhlig, Joh. G. Raup.
10. Birkensee: Two Deacons.
11. Goschenhoppen and Indianfield, where Andreä was stationed: Reyer, Schneider, Lohr and B. Crösmann.
12. Cohenzy: Gabriel Trollinger, Schoolmaster Michael Dielshöfer.
13. Providence: All the twelve elders and deacons.
14. New Hanover: Four elders.
15. Mackunshy: Two men.

Acta et Conclusa Synodi Nov. Provid. d. 18 Juni, 1750, habiti.

1. Pastor Mühlenberg's proposition concerning the necessity of a Superintendent over all our United Congregations, to be elected yearly. To this office, although one of the Philadelphia Church Council objected, because of his delicate health, and numerous duties, Pastor Brunnholtz was elected for this year.

2. The *Acta et Conclusa* of the Lancaster Synod held in the previous year, together with the names of the members at that time present from the United Congregations present, were again read.

3. To the question, whether there were peace in the congregations between ministers and congregations: *a.* Philadelphia had nothing to reply. *b.* Germantown complained of neglect of the church, whereupon Pastor Brunnholtz replied that they had always had services; sometimes Mr. Rauss had preached, and sometimes Mr. Vigera had read when his own enfeebled condition hindered him from officiating. *c.* Lancaster: There was some little difficulty between Mr. Handschuh and the congregation, but it was soon removed, and Mr. Conrad Weiser was prevailed upon to give an impartial judgment. *d.* York: The congregations were well satisfied with Rev. Mr. Schaum. *e.* The Tulpehocken congregation and Providence testified similarly. *f.* The misunderstanding between Mr. Schrenck and his Birkensee congregation was briefly mentioned, and the deacons placed the blame for the separation in the congregation upon Mr. Schrenck. The further investigation of this was postponed. *g.* The Raritan people had nothing against Mr. Weygand's teaching, and also wished to keep him longer. Other matters had been already taken up and settled by the preachers two days previously.

4. The congregations at Goschenhoppen and Indianfield desire to join our number, and to be served by us United Preachers, since with good conscience, they neither could nor would keep Andreä any longer. Pastor Mühlenberg promises to visit them as soon as possible, and the other preachers also obligate themselves to care for them.

5. In reply to the urgent request of the congregation in Mackunshy,

to have an ordained preacher, it was informed that provision would be made; at this time it is impossible to supply it with a regular pastor. Yet, in accordance with opportunity and ability, Mr. Schrenck is to visit the place now and then and preach. This congregation was then also received into our fellowship.

6. The deacons of the congregation at Birkensee were again called up and further answer made them, that it was not possible to have them served by Mr. Schrenck. They were therefore united with Old Goschenhoppen and Indianfield, so that these three may form one congregation.

7. The congregation at Cohenz in Jersey, 36 miles from Philadelphia, asked for aid. Their schoolmaster is to be examined in the afternoon and be given a certificate.

8. The humble petition of the Church Council of the congregation of Philadelphia, to keep Pastor Brunnholtz for themselves alone, and free him from the Germantown congregation, was read by Pastor Mühlenberg, and the information given them that, without the knowledge and permission of our Fathers in Europe, we were not authorized to make any changes; that we had written to the Superiors in Europe in November already, of the previous year; they must have patience until the answer is received. With this they were satisfied.

9. The schools, as far as possible, are flourishing in all the congregations, Goschenhoppen and the other small congregations excepted. At York, Schoolmaster Maul, on account of his age, desires to be relieved from further service; but he and the congregation received from us ministers a certificate authorizing him to continue.

10. A question was propounded by a certain man in Philadelphia as to whether he may not marry again, as he has separated from his adulterous wife, has a certificate of divorce from her, and has sent her to Holland. The answer was: In accordance with the laws of this land the question does not belong to the Synod; we must not encroach upon the government in this matter. It could only be decided by the government, where he should have sought for an answer before she went from him to Holland.

11. Concerning Church discipline in the case of persons guilty of fornication and adultery, resolved that such persons shall, after evidence of penitence, be publicly absolved (*abgelesen werden*) on Sunday from the pulpit, but no names shall be mentioned.

12. A "Guardian," for the newly arrived orphans, whose passage has been paid, but whose parents were lost at sea, shall be appointed at Philadelphia, who shall see to it that such orphans do not lose their possessions at the hands of deceivers and unjust persons. To this duty John Eberle, of Philadelphia, was named, who, in the past year,

had been used to this end by Pastor Brunnholtz, and through whose activity much mischief had been prevented. Compensation for his trouble shall be paid by the United Congregations. Some other points having been considered, and the meeting having lasted almost four hours, it was finally resolved at about three o'clock: that

13. Next year the Synod shall be held in Philadelphia, and on the following day the consecration of the church at Germantown, in the month of May, before the heat becomes great.

Mr. Handschuh closed with a prayer, and all present sang a hymn.

As a memorial of this and upon order, this brief Protocoll has been signed in the name of all the preachers and elders, by

PETER BRUNNHOLTZ.

FOURTH CONVENTION.

1751.

[MAY 12TH, 13TH.]

I.

[PASTOR MÜHLENBERG'S REPORT. Hallesche Nachrichten, p. 436 o. e.; n. e., II.: 10.]

I had agreed with Pastor Brunnholtz that we would postpone our meeting and conference, until I returned from New York. But several elders of our congregations insisted that it be held before I went away, and as it had been appointed at the preceding meeting, that is, in the month of May. Consequently we were required to make preparations for it. The twelfth and thirteenth of May were appointed, and notice sent to all the United Congregations and their pastors. In the meanwhile I made preparations for the journey, and, with a heavy heart, said farewell in New Hanover on April 28, and in Providence on May 6, before large assemblies. Starting from Providence with Mr. Kurtz on May 8, I arrived in Philadelphia on the 9th.

May 10. The Swedish Provost [Acrelius] visited us, with whom I held a conversation about Pennsylvania Church affairs. He excused himself and expressed his sorrow that he could not attend our convention on the following Sunday and Monday, as he had been informed of it too late, and had unavoidable business in his congregations, but his colleague, the Swedish preacher of Philadelphia, Mr. Berlin, would meet with us.

May 11. We were much disturbed welcoming the delegates of all the United Congregations and questioning them about the condition of their congregations.

May 12. There were present, of ministers, besides the Swedish pastor, Mr. Berlin, Messrs. Brunnholtz, Handschuh, Hartwig, Kurtz, Weygand, Schrenck, and I. Mr. Schaum could not attend on account of illness. Mr. Hartwig consecrated the new organ, and I preached in the morning, Mr. Weygand in the afternoon, and Mr. Kurtz in the evening. Everything was conducted in an orderly and edifying manner, and no accident or injury happened, though a great crowd of people was in the church.

II.

[PASTOR HANDSCHUH'S DIARY. H. N., o. e., 534; II.: 269.]

May 13. Mr. Hartwig preached the synodical sermon and Pastor Brunnholtz opened the meeting. One of my most bitter opponents from Lancaster, who always secretly excited his followers against me, was also present, though without having been sent by the congregation. When Lancaster came, in the regular order, he was called forward and earnestly asked by Pastor Mühlenberg whether he had been sent as a delegate, and what he and the whole congregation had discovered against my teaching, life, and conduct in office. Whereupon, full of shame, as it seemed, he answered, that neither he nor any one in the congregation could show the slightest thing against my teaching and life. Everything else in the meeting also passed off quietly and orderly, and what was not completed was postponed until afternoon. We dined in the outskirts of the city, in the house of one of the Church Council, and then the rest was adjusted between the parties.

III.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, n. e. I., pp. 688-9.]

Transactions and resolutions of the United Preachers and the delegates of their united congregations in their Synodical Convention, May 13, 1751, at Philadelphia :

1. Rev. Handschuh was elected President or Superintendent for this year.

2. It was considered well by all, that when complaints are to be made concerning the doctrine or life of a pastor he be conferred with before the matter be brought before the convention, in order that small matters may be settled quietly, and the precious time of the meeting be spent on more important and edifying matters.

3. Rev. Mühlenberg promised, in answer to the many requests of the delegates, to return as soon as possible, but in the meantime his congregations are to be cared for by Rev. Messrs. Brunnholtz, Handschuh, and the other United Preachers.

4. A correct "Church Order" was considered of the highest necessity, by means of which the pure evangelical doctrine and a well-ordered church discipline could be transmitted to our posterity. This is to be prepared by the United Preachers and laid before all the congregations for approval.

5. In the future, Holy Communion shall be held before the 10th of

April and the 10th of September, on account of naturalization, yet, if possible, always on Sunday.

6. Old Goschenhoppen and Indianfield have called the Catechist, Mr. Rauss, as their regular teacher, and this shall be granted them as soon as possible, if he will accept their call.

7. The congregations at The Forks have asked for the ordination of their preacher, the Catechist, Mr. Schrenck. Action postponed till our next meeting.

8. A small congregation on the Chamoni (Neshaminy), having asked for our help and for union with us, all possible help was promised.

9. The Makunschy poeple, who, at their request, were received by us last year, have left us again, and burdened themselves with a godless teacher of whom they would now like to be rid.

10. Lancaster appealed to us as to whether, with clear conscience, we would desert them for the sake of a few, since no one in the whole congregation had any complaint to make against Rev. Handschuh's teaching and life.

11. The next Synod of the United Congregations shall, God willing, be held in Germantown, where Rev. Handschuh will be stationed.

JOH. FRIEDR. HANDSCHUH.

IV.

[LETTER OF PASTOR MÜHLENBERG TO REV. ZIEGENHAGEN IN LONDON, AND DR. FRANCKE IN HALLE, FEB. 18, 1752. H. N., o. e. 511-2 (cf. H. N., o. e. 625).]

After a general consultation of our United Ministerium, Rev. Schultz has been appointed assistant in the congregations of New Hanover and Providence on trial, and Mr. Heintzelmann has been stationed at Philadelphia as assistant at the church and the school until further arrangements.

[Schultz and Heintzelmann arrived Dec. 1, 1751. The above-mentioned conference was held Dec. 17, 1751, at Philadelphia, Pastors H. M. Mühlenberg, Brunnholtz and Handschuh being present, and Jan. 15, 1752 at Providence, when Schultz and Heintzelmann were also present (H. N., new ed. p. 263).]

FIFTH CONVENTION.

1752.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

(October 2, in Germantown.)

I.

[PASTOR HANDSCHUH'S DIARY, 1752. H. N., 568 ff. n. e. II.: 90.]

Sept. 28. As on the approaching Sunday the church at this place, which has been almost entirely rebuilt, is to be consecrated, and after that, our yearly conference is to be held, there arrived to-day, towards evening, first Mr. Rauss, and not long afterwards, Mr. Schulze, with whom I conferred preliminarily concerning their circumstances and those of their congregations.

Sept. 29, early, Pastor Mühlenberg and Mr. Kurtz arrived. We immediately conferred with one another, and read Mr. Mühlenberg's excellent hymn written for the consecration of our church. Towards noon Pastor Brunnholtz also arrived, with whom Mr. Kurtz and I went to the printer Sauer to have the hymn printed. . . . Towards evening Mr. Heintzelmann, with another dear friend, arrived.

Sept. 30, early, Mr. Weygand also arrived.

Oct. 1, early, a conference was held with the elders and deacons of Germantown, about various matters, especially concerning the maintenance of external good order. In the meanwhile the Swedish Provost Acrelius also arrived, and soon thereafter Mr. Schaum. The negro who had previously been instructed by me was also brought in and various things talked over with him. When about ten o'clock, all the preachers except Mr. Schrenck were come together, and all the delegated elders and deacons had assembled before my dwelling, we went to the church in procession. The Germantown elders and deacons preceded, then we preachers followed, of whom the younger men carried the sacred vessels. Then came the visiting delegates, and lastly all the remaining people of all classes, who had come in great numbers in spite of the rain of yesterday and all last night, the stormy weather and wretched roads. After everything had become quiet and orderly in the church, the service was opened, 1, with the hymn, "*Komm, Heiliger Geist*," etc.,

sung in chorus. The first two stanzas the ministers sang alone, accompanied on the harp by a schoolmaster ; the third, the whole congregation sang. During the singing Mr. Schrenck also arrived. 2. Mr. Brunnholtz, standing before the altar, began the consecration with a beautiful, brief, and most timely address, after which, 3, the Swedish Provost Acrelius consecrated the church itself. After the consecration, 4, we preachers all knelt around the altar and offered prayer, each with reference to some matter suggested by present circumstances, in the following order : Messrs. Mühlenberg, Kurtz, Schaum, Weygand, Heintzelmann, Schulze, Schrenck, Rauss, and I (Handschuh) was the last. 5. From the printed consecration hymn, the twenty-second and twenty-third stanzas were sung by us preachers accompanied by the harp. They read as follows :

“Lass, Jehova, Dir gefallen
Was Dir Herz und Zunge singt.
Höre, wie Dein Volk mit Lallen
Dir'dies Haus zum Opfer bringt,
Und es widmet Deiner Ehre,
Zum Gebrauch der reinen Lehre,
Die durch Deines Geistes Kraft
In uns neue Herzen schafft.

“Pflanze, Herr, Dein Bild und Tugend
Durch Dein ewig bleibend Wort
In das Alterthum und Jugend,
Und auf Kindes-kinder fort.
Halte dazu treue Knechte,
Die Dein Zeugniß, Bund und Rechte
Rein bewahren in der Noth,
Und getreu seyn bis in Tod.”

6. Mr. Rauss, standing before the altar, read the fifteenth Psalm. 7. The whole congregation then sang the seventh to the ninth stanzas of the hymn : “*Sey Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut*,” etc. 8. Mr. Mühlenberg preached an excellent and inspiring consecration sermon on John 5: 1-9, of which he made most pertinent applications, suited to the occasion. 9. After the sermon, the hymn : “*Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme*,” etc., was sung in chorus. 10. The negro, thirty years of age, was led before the altar by Pastor Brunnholtz and Mr. Schleydorn, his self-chosen sponsors, and examined and baptized by me. After the baptism, he gave to all the preachers present the right hand of faithfulness and constancy ; at which opportunity, each of the preachers further wished him the necessary grace of God, which I had done before in a

prayer. 11. Then in continuance the hymn: "*O Lamm Gottes unschuldig*," etc., was sung. 12. We preachers all knelt, Mr. Mühlenberg offered the prayer of repentance and confession, and Mr. Brunnholz spoke the words: "Lord God Father in heaven," etc. 13. I consecrated and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to my colleagues first, among whom also was the Swedish Provost, and then Pastor Mühlenberg also gave it to me. 14. Then "*Wie bin ich doch so herzlich froh*," etc., was sung, and finally the benediction was pronounced, and the words: "*Unsern Ausgang segne Gott*," etc., were sung.

Nothing as pleasant, edifying and inspiring as this service have I ever before experienced in this country; perhaps not even in Germany. For we preachers had all one heart and one soul. I hope, therefore, that a good impression for the future also has been left in the hearts of all present. The entire service lasted from ten to two o'clock; but this time seemed to us all as though it had been but a quarter of an hour. Toward four o'clock we again went to church, where Mr. Kurtz preached a thoroughly elaborated and edifying sermon on the epistle for the day, Ephes. 5: 1-6. The evening we spent until late at night in singing, prayer and pleasant talks, as well as it could be done in this vale or sorrow and tears; and we put up with our little dwelling, and I heard no one complain of any discomfort.

October 2. About eight o'clock, Mr. Berlin, the Swedish minister in Philadelphia arrived. About nine o'clock, we all went with the delegated elders and deacons to church to hold the Church Conference. First of all, the names of the twelve preachers who were present, and of the delegated elders and deacons of our congregations, sixty-eight in number, were recorded; then the first stanza of "*Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*," was sung. Next the Swedish Provost, standing before the altar, delivered an appropriate Latin address to the whole United Ministerium, in which he expressed his joy in our behalf, and congratulated us, and Pastor Mühlenberg thanked him briefly in the same language. Then, after the second stanza of the hymn, "*Komm, Heiliger Geist*," etc., was sung and prayer offered by me. Mr. Mühlenberg, who did most of the talking, announced the arrival of two new co-laborers, Messrs. Heintzelmann and Schultz. The congregations were encouraged.

II.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN. (n. e. I, p. 689.)]

What was unanimously resolved in the meeting of the United Evangelical Preachers and the delegates of their congregations, in Germantown, October 2, 1752:

1. Wherever necessary, schools shall be organized according to the excellent model of the Philadelphia congregation.

2. Instruction for children shall be held by the ministers here and there in the congregations, where necessity requires, at opportune times and under convenient circumstances.

3. Old Goschenhoppen, Indianfield and Toheka shall remain together as they have been to the present, and be served by Mr. Rauss, but New Goschenhoppen by Mr. Schultz.

4. The congregation in Frederickstown, Maryland, shall be visited by Rev. Mr. Schaum as often as possible until all are united and we can help them further.

5. In accordance with the petition of the Reading people, Rev. Mühlenberg will preach the first sermon in their newly built church, on the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

6. To satisfy the sureties (*Gebürgten*), the people in Raritan shall consider, whether out of brotherly love and according to equity, they may not, with justice to them, allow Rev. Weygand to preach there or hold service on the sixth and eighth Sundays.

7. The elders or deacons with the ministers, shall see that the people behave quietly and orderly in church before and after service, in order that all distraction and vexation be prevented.

8. The next Church Convention shall be held in Tulpehocken.

9. In order to lighten the toil and labor of the older ministers, and also by reason of the necessity of circumstances, Messrs. Schrenck and Rauss, heretofore our assistants and co-laborers, shall be publicly ordained to the holy ministry in Providence, on the Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, November 5.

10. All the United Preachers shall therefore arrange, if at all possible, to be with their oldest minister, Rev. Mühlenberg, on the Thursday preceding November 2.

11. The congregations on the Schemini and in Cohenzi, shall be served as far as possible.

12. Rev. Handschuh, of Germantown, shall again continue for this year his office as President, to look after the affairs of the United Congregations and their preachers.

13. But as he experienced many hindrances in the correct delivery of the letters to his colleagues and their congregations during the past year, to the injury of the congregations, it was resolved and promised, that the elders, deacons, or other any trustworthy men from the upper and more remote congregations, when they came down [to Philadelphia], should ask at his place in Germantown, or at Mr. Brunnholtz's

in Philadelphia, whether there be anything to be delivered to their teachers or congregations.

JOHN FREDERICK HANDSCHUH,
Lutheran Minister in Germantown.

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[HALLE DOC. I, 485. Mühlenberg to Prelate Weisensee, July 18, 1754.]

In the Fall of 1752 our old honorable Mag. Schertlin, with his family, arrived here in safety. Since at that time our annual convention was held in the newly-built church at Germantown, the Swedish Provost Acrelius and thirteen of our United Preachers were present and consecrated the church by the Word of God and prayer. Mr. M. Schertlin would have desired to attend with us, but Mr. Wagner, Jacob Beyerle, Matthias Gänsle, Rädelsfuhrer, Michael Eye and others had already brought wood and fire to the Germantown revolution, and were very busy in the taverns carrying out their plans. Mr. Schertlin was unwittingly drawn into it by the force of circumstances (because the golden rule, *et audiat altera pars*, has entirely gone out of fashion), and had promised to accept the office of pastor in Germantown, if Messrs. "Neuländer" could expel the old Pastor Handschuh, who was suspected of Pietism.

Rev. Mr. Schertlin heard only our opponents, and that in the taverns where many vapors rise, and he may well have formed the very worst ideas of our Ministerium, because he was a stranger. The church, in the meantime, was consecrated, and the United Preachers edified themselves, as the disciples at the Transfiguration of Christ on the mountain, Matth. 17, because they were afterwards to accompany Him to Gethsemane.

SIXTH CONVENTION.

1753.

[SYNOD MET AT TULPEHOCKEN, PROBABLY IN OCTOBER. (H. N., o. e. 676 f., n. e. I, 264.)]

At our last conference in Tulpehocken, the question was raised privately among us preachers, whether we should not contribute our mites and together buy a suitable piece of land, where it is cheap, and prepare it for a "retreat" for ourselves and our widows in case of need. They all agreed, except Mr. Schultz, who answered that he had land for himself, and wished to have nothing to do with common property. (There were no "mites;" Mühlenberg proposed to sell his property and buy a suitable place, but would do nothing without consulting the Fathers.) [Halle Doc., I., 540. Mühlenberg to Albinus, March 14, 1754.]

SEVENTH CONVENTION.

1754.

JUNE 16, 17, 18, NEW HANOVER.

I.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, o. e. 646 f.; II. 183.]

Our Synod is to be held on the first Sunday after Trinity and the 17th of June following. To it are also invited the four Swedish preachers united with us; also Mr. Geroch, in Lancaster, and at their request, Mr. Schertlin, and another, Hausihl by name, from Fredricks-town in Maryland, seventy to eighty miles beyond Yorktown, where Mr. Schaum lives.

II.

[HALLE DOC., I., 500. Mühlenberg to Prelate Weisensee, July 18, 1754.]

In the preceding Fall we had invited him (Geroch) to our Synodical Meeting at Tulpehocken, but the letter was sent too late. This year

we invited him earlier to New Hanover, and received reply that he would attend; but he stayed away, and sent a written excuse, promising to visit us privately before long.

III.

[H. N., o. e., I., 662 sq.; n. e. II. 192.]

The Synodical sessions of the United Preachers of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations of German nationality in these American provinces, especially Pennsylvania, were held at New Hanover, in the county of Philadelphia, June 16-18, of this year. They were attended by the Swedish Provost, one Swedish preacher, and fourteen High German ministers, who deliberated, as in the presence of God, upon both the internal and external condition of the congregations. After they had reported, and mutually lamented the great hindrances each had encountered in his office, and had considered how what has heretofore retarded the progress of our Lord's Kingdom may be removed, and devised means to aid, by God's help, the congregations and the numerous ignorant young people within them, they gave one another their solemn pledge that they would earnestly ask their Heavenly Father for mercy and deliverance. They also promised each one, on his part and in his circumstances, to fulfill his office with all fidelity, according to the grace given him, and, by pure doctrine and a godly life, to destroy the Kingdom of Satan, and promote the progress of the Kingdom of God. It was also considered most necessary to lay before our most worthy Fathers and our friends in Europe the condition of our affairs, just as they are, and to this end to write to you.

[The letter is written and signed by Heinrich Melchior Mühlenberg, Senior Minist., Peter Brunnholtz, Johann Friedrich Handschuh, who, as the three eldest members, were appointed by the Ministerium, to give a brief history of the German immigration to Pennsylvania, and the condition of each of the congregations. It covers over 25 pp.]

IV.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, (o. e. 661 f.)]

On the past 17th and 16th of June we held our Annual Synodical Convention in New Hanover, where Provost Acrelius and Pastor Unander, of the Swedish Church and various German preachers and several elders were assembled. Among other necessary matters, it was resolved that on the coming 15th of September, a day of repentance, prayer and thanksgiving should be observed in all our United Evangelical Churches of Swedish, German and Hollandish nationality, and that

I Sam. 7: 12 be taken for the introduction, and Joel 2: 12-17 as the text for the sermon. May the Lord seal it with His blessing, for His Name's sake!

V.

[HALLE DOC. I. 499. MÜHLENBERG TO PRELATE WEISSENSEE, JULY 18, 1754].

I was living in hope that beneath the rough shell a good kernel might yet grow under the influence of suffering and through the working of the good Spirit, and therefore, with the consent of my brethren, invited him (Mr. Schertlin) to our last Synodical meeting at New Hanover, where he attended June 16 and 17 A.C., and met the Swedish Provost Acrelius and thirteen United Preachers and delegates from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Maryland, and was not a little astonished that everything was transacted in such a child-like, simple, edifying manner, and without the least imperiousness and ambitious strife. Cf. "Mann, Life of Mühlenberg," p. 311.

VI.

[HALLE DOC. I. 483.]

Georg Friedrich Hartmann, at our last Synodical meeting in New Hanover, without our request, handed in a writing and offered to establish the following, concerning M. Engelland, by an oath before the authorities, namely: After his disappearance from Württemberg he had entered the French service in Strassburg, became Catholic, deserted and entered the Dutch service, and exchanged the Catholic for the Calvinistic religion, thence he went to the Spanish Netherlands, etc.

CONVENTIONS EIGHT TO TWELVE.

[These conventions exist in the reckoning of the Ministerium only upon paper, since during the years 1755-9 the meetings were abandoned.]

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION.

1760.

OCTOBER 19, 20.

I.

[LETTER OF MÜHLENBERG TO REV. GEROCK, OF LANCASTER. MS. IN MÜHLENBERG'S DIARY, IN ARCHIVES.]

Rev. and Dear Brother: I take the liberty to announce that, God willing, on October 19th and 20th next, *viz.* : on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, the Holy Supper will be administered, and on the following Monday a fraternal Pastoral Conference will be held here in New Providence. The reasons it is unnecessary to state at length to any regularly-called minister who has at heart the welfare of our poor *ecclesia plantanda* in the American wilderness, for to him they are already sufficiently known; much less is it necessary to present the motive, since letters received from you several years ago make the strongest appeal and contain the strongest arguments for such a fraternal meeting, and I have not forgotten them. The manner of conducting the Conference will be determined by those present according to the meekness and humility which they have each learned in following Christ, and the willingness they show to apply the gifts of the one Spirit given them to the good of the whole. All ambitious rivalry will be far distant, and he who will humble himself as the child, Matt. 18: 4, will be the greatest. The advantages are manifold, and are best known to those who have had experience, whether in Europe or here. And although in this country we are mostly, and often too much, dependent upon the *vox populi*, and are at a great distance from our European mother-church, and are contending against many sorrows and temptations, and have many *pia desideria*, nevertheless I hope that we poor preachers may at least have such freedom in our congregations as to be able now and then to meet, to tell to one another our troubles, to partake of the Lord's Supper together, to decide on cases of conscience, to edify and comfort one another with accounts concerning the progress of the Kingdom of God, and to afford mutual encouragement under difficult official burdens. The congregations can have less objection to this if

for this time we ask no delegates, but only hold a preacher's Conference, every well-disposed member, however, being at liberty to come and be a spectator and listener during our proceedings, and being also invited to partake of our humble hospitality. The ministers whom we expect to attend this meeting, some of whom have advised it, are the following: 1. Mr. de Wrangel, Swedish Provost at Wicaco, court preacher to His Majesty the King of Sweden, Doctor of Theology, a man who has the welfare of our Evangelical Lutheran Church at heart, and, what is best of all, who has, under *oratio, tentatio, et meditatio*, learnt meekness and humility of heart in the school of Jesus Christ. 2. Mr. Borell, pastor of Wilmington. 3. Mag. and Pastor Geroock, of Lancaster. 4. Pastor Weygand, of New York, if God, health and weather permit. 5. Pastor Handschuh, of Philadelphia, if his circumstances permit. 6. Rev. Hausihl, of Reading, and the rest of us from the country. I have no doubt that you will do us the honor and give us the pleasure of your personal presence. You are willing, I know, if nothing important happens to hinder you. Satan and his allies have often tried, and will continue to try, to prevent such fraternal union, because united power is stronger, and is harmful to his kingdom. But if a Stronger One abide within us, there will be no danger. In case you definitely decide to come, my humble request is that you select a text for the chief sermon on the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, suitable to admonish us preachers of our pastoral duties, etc., but so that the people may also gain a lesson. As I do not understand your present Church Constitution, I have in my simplicity sent with this letter a few lines to your honorable Church Council; but I leave it entirely to your mature judgment whether to hand the letter to them or to withhold it, as you find best, and remain

Your servant,

H. MÜHLENBERG.

New Providence, September 24, 1760.

II.

OCTOBER 19, —, Providence.

[MS. IN ARCHIVES. HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN. o. e. 854 ff. HALLE DOC. 121-67.]

Saturday, October 18, 1760, there arrived at my house first, Mr. Paul Bryzelius, of whose conferences with Mr. de Wrangel with reference to his circumstances we had been informed; 2. afterwards Mr. Wm. Kurtz, Junior, Catechist from Tohickon; 3. Mr. M. Geroock, Pastor of Lancaster, with Esq. Kuhn and Mr. John Schwab; 4. Mr. Nicolaus Kurtz, Sr.,

Pastor of Tulpehocken; 5. Mr. Hausihl, Pastor of Reading, etc., with an Elder, Mr. Peter Weiser; 6. Mr. Albertus Weygand, Pastor of New York, with a Low German Deacon and Captain as companion; 7. In the evening about 7 o'clock, we had the pleasure of also welcoming Provost Wrangel de Saga. Many matters pertaining to the Kingdom of the Cross and a spirit of harmony banished the weariness of traveling, and caused us to sit up until 3 o'clock at night.

Sunday, October 19, early, the preachers and elders, among whom also appeared Mr. Caspar Stöver, Preacher, as an uninvited guest, and Mr. Fr.—, from Upper Saccum, an invited catechist, came together. After they had, with thanksgiving, partaken of nourishment for soul and body from Bogatzky's "*Schatzkästlein*" and my patriarchal household, they all went to the church, and took their seats quietly without contention as to rank. The Provost opened the service in presence of a large assembly, with the 133d Psalm: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Then "*Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*," etc., was sung. After the hymn, Pastor Kurtz, Sen., read the Confessional Prayer, baptized children, and read the Epistle and Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity. Then Mr. Gerock, Pastor of Lancaster, went into the pulpit, and preached a sermon well suited to the festival occasion, as thorough as it was edifying, and seasoned with salt, the text being the Gospel lesson, Matth. 22: 1-14. "Of the right relation between ministers and congregations, (hearers), or shepherds and sheep. I. How true servants of God are to act toward the congregations entrusted to them, and II. How the congregations, toward their faithful pastors and teachers." This important subject was treated in a live (and charming) manner *plane et plene*, and ended with a fervent prayer. After the Litany the assembly was dismissed by the Provost.

In the afternoon the Provost edified the assembly then present in the church with an English sermon on Acts 24: 24, 25, and set forth: "The unhappy efforts made by obstinate sinners to defeat (*abzukehren*) the gracious visitations of God, or the workings of the Spirit of God in their souls." This exceedingly important theme, which is closely allied to that of the Gospel lesson, was very thoroughly, clearly, convincingly and earnestly inculcated, and especially emphasized in the application, so that it could be of profit not only to the ministers present, but also to the listeners, and especially to the Swedes who live dispersed about here, and had come from sixteen, seventeen or eighteen miles. After the end of the second service, the assembled preachers had a *Collegium Biblicum* in my house, which continued for two hours, about the essentials of the conversion of the heart, in which they edified one another, as well as

they could, with the fruits of their self-examination and experience, according to the grace and gifts they had received. It was a pleasure and joy to the heart in the Holy Spirit.

The evening was ended in an edifying way, in the use of spiritual hymns, and in conversations concerning the internal affairs of our congregations. So short and insufficient did it seem, that it was not until three or four hours after midnight, that we allowed our bodies the sleep that was their due. Oh, if poor souls, on this side of eternity, who have been barely awakened from the sleep of death, and have tasted scarcely a drop of the grace obtained by the Saviour's blood, while still, like pilgrims on a journey, in the vale of tears, and burdened with a mortal body the abode of numberless faults and weaknesses, that weary and discourage them, and while surrounded on all sides by legions of wily enemies from the kingdom of darkness, in a world which, *gradu superlativo*, lies in evil, and, as strangers, are subject to peculiar temptations,—if such persons, under such circumstances, can find so much pleasure, even here, in harmonious conversation, what must it be in Heaven!

Oh, how well it is if preachers keep themselves undisturbed by political matters of party and strife, seek to please their Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and have at heart the true welfare of their Church and of the souls entrusted to them; and therefore are willing to suffer shame with the people of God, rather than choose the treasures of Egypt!

Monday, Oct. 20, early, the matter concerning the above-mentioned Mr. Bryzelius was taken up, and in the following manner:

(Here in the MS. follows a sketch of Bryzelius's life.)

After several conversations he made the following declaration (which is to be published to all our congregations) with his own hand and signature before the assembly:

Since I, the undersigned, have for sufficient and convincing reasons voluntarily left the erroneous teaching and government of the so-called Moravian Brethren, and afterwards at my earnest request and desire, the honorable Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium, of Swedish and High German nationality in Pennsylvania has received me into its fellowship and Church; therefore, I herewith promise with sincere heart, before God the Searcher of hearts, in my ministry of the Synod hereafter to be rendered in these congregations, to teach nothing except what is well founded on the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments; to conform in all my sermons, public and private instruction and in the administration of the Holy Sacraments to our Symbolical Books, as also in true obedience to submit to the Church Order and directions of the above-mentioned most honorable Ministerium. In testimony and con-

firmation of this, I have attached the signature of my name with my own hand.

PAUL D. BRYZELIUS.

New Providence, October 20, A. Chr. 1760.

Signed and delivered in presence of the Ministerium, of which the following members sign as witnesses :

C. M. WRANGEL,

S. S. Th. D. et Missionis Luth. Suec. præpositus.

HENRY MÜHLENBERG,

Sen. Min.

JOHANN SIEGFRIED GEROCK,

Pastor Lancastriensis.

After Mr. Bryzelius had solemnly made this declaration, he was received into our fellowship by the members of the United Ministerium present with prayer and a hearty benediction, and he was exhorted to pray God and Christ for all needful grace and strength for his future service, and thereby, in all faithfulness, to win as many souls, and even more, for the true Saviour of the world, as he had previously led to Antichrist and his plans. He promised, by God's grace and mercy in Christ, to do and suffer all that was possible, and requested that we should not put too much upon him, but help him to pray, in order that a way of escape may not be closed for the thousands of poor souls who groan under the yoke of the taskmaster, but that all things may be done gradually with fitting wisdom.¹

Hereupon Pastor Handschuh arrived with three elders from his congregation. On the day before, he had held services in Philadelphia and then had a funeral, and although they had started in the afternoon they could not reach our house. Finally Deacon Schaum also arrived from New Hanover. We had also invited Mr. Schertlin, and had his promise that he would attend the Conference on October 20th, if it were at all possible, as before he had received the invitation to the meeting, he had promised to administer Holy Communion to the scattered members some fifty to sixty miles away on the day preceding. About 9 o'clock A.M. the Conference was opened with prayer, the following being present: 1. Provost Wrangel. 2. Rev. Mr. Handschuh. 3. Rev. Mr. Gerock. 4. Rev. Mr. Weygand. 5. Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sr. 6. Rev. Mr. Hausihl. 7. Adjunct Mr. Schaum. 8. Adjunct Mr. Kurtz, Jr. 9. Catechist Mr. Fr—. 10. Mr. Bryzelius. 11. Heinrich Mühlenberg. 12. Two captains from New York. 13. Three elders from Phila-

¹Parts of this are suppressed in H. N., and are here restored from Halle MS.

delphia. 14. A justice of the peace and another elder from Lancaster, and Peter Weiser from Reading. Mr. Handschuh communicated the orders received from Mr. Ziegenhagen.) The following questions were brought before the meeting for consideration and decision, and were answered by votes:

1. *Whether it be necessary and advantageous that an annual meeting of the regular ministers of one Church and Confession be held in America?*¹

Answer, *per vota*: It is necessary and advantageous that the laborers of one Master and one vineyard learn to know each other, even unite themselves more closely in love toward one purpose, discuss together whatever can benefit the *ecclesia plantanda*, and extend the Christian religion; that each, according to the grace granted, offer the gift received for the good of all; that they encourage, exhort, comfort one another, decide cases of conscience, in love, simplicity, humility and meekness; discover and correct otherwise unknown faults; also remove dissatisfaction, strife and suspicion. A kingdom that is divided against itself cannot abide. The unity and harmony of spirit among ministers of one confession makes a great impression on the minds of those who listen to them (of friends and foes [H. N.]). Besides the preachers who wander about unordained and uncalled, a disgrace to our religion, are thereby checked to some extent; the opportunity for slander by hostile parties is limited; the intended temple otherwise becomes a Babel, and the door is only opened wider to Satan and his apostles. On such occasions, the young preachers might profit by the experience of the older men, etc., etc. (For these reasons the meeting is to be retained. [H. N.]

(Before a certain preacher present gave his vote, he was addressed [by Mühlenberg] as follows: Rev. Sir: A rumor is widely circulated, that you have sinned against the Sixth Commandment. Now, we, indeed, all know from personal experience, that even upright preachers are, in this entirely too free country, made objects of scandal and calumny by Satan and his followers. Although, therefore, our meeting has nothing to do with judicial matters that belong to the *forum juridicum*, and we cannot put heart and mind to the test, yet it becomes our duty to ask, in a brotherly way, whether the rumor have any foundation, or whether it can be proved to be false and untrue? You will not be offended that we ask; for if such or similar scandal that incapacitates for office could be proved to be founded on truth in reference to me or any member of this assembly, he must be excluded, etc. Response:

¹ Whether it is necessary and advantageous that an annual general assembly of ministers and delegated elders be continued in the United German Congregations? [H. N.]

"I have many enemies, who do their best to bring injury upon me, but I have never desired to answer evil with evil. But as this rumor also circulated in my congregation, at the suggestion of the elders, I had to have the matter investigated by the authorities, and consequently have a written document to submit." Hereupon the accused minister drew forth a document, which was read and heard by all those present; the contents were briefly the following: that a certain woman had appeared before one of His Majesty's justices, and on her solemn oath declared that the above rumor was altogether false, and that the preacher mentioned had never asked anything sinful or dishonorable of her. The justice from Lancaster and several others testified that the judge who had investigated this matter, and attested it with his hand, was an intelligent and impartial man, and the investigation of a magistrate of this kind must be believed rather than hostile rumors, etc.)¹

Question 2. *What are the impediments which make a fraternal meeting and union difficult, or even hinder it entirely?* Response: Satan is indeed the chief author who, as long as he can, casts impediments in our way and hinders us, to the advantage of his kingdom. One mentioned especially that for some years rumors had been spread and kept up among the people in the country, that the preachers sent from Halle were Pietists, secret Zinzendorfians, teachers of error, no true Lutherans, but seducers and dangerous people, etc.

Mühlenberg's Response: "We are regularly called, examined, ordained, and sent; for eighteen years we have publicly taught, so that intelligent hearers have had sufficient opportunity to test our doctrine and life. But if anybody in this meeting yet retains any doubt as to our call, doctrine or conduct, I am willing to be the first to substantiate his claims with proofs and credentials, or will gladly be examined before such as have the authority." Response: "The rumor is current only among the ignorant people, and was brought from Lancaster to Philadelphia, to wit, by Rev. Nyberg, who publicly said at the very first conference in the Swedish Church at Wicaco, that the Halle men were Pietists and no true Lutherans, etc. From which the origin and the consequence can be judged and therefore no further proof and examination is necessary." Mühlenberg confirmed the statement that Nyberg had done this. For when the preachers sent from Halle took the field against the Zinzendorfians, the latter had no other weapon, but that they made the people believe that the Halle men were Pietists and false Lutherans. When they opposed the wandering, so-called Lutheran preachers who came of their own accord and live scandalously, these knew no better way of defending themselves than that they fed the

¹ Suppressed in H. N. Restored from MS. at Halle.

poor, ignorant people with wicked lies, and told them that the Halle men were secret Zinzendorfsians and would, in due time, bring the people under the yoke of Zinzendorfsism. When we, therefore, preached to the people of change of heart, living faith and godliness, the people who loved sin and the world gladly made the objection that we were Pietists, Moravians, and such like, carried a secret poison, etc.¹

Question 3. *Where shall the meeting be held annually?* Response: "Change is necessary and useful. The German [H. N.] congregations all have an equal right, none is subordinate to another (or dependent on another [H. N.]). Such a meeting makes a good impression upon the congregation where it is held (and encourages it), especially are the young people encouraged, which is necessary and useful at all places (in all congregations). Next time, God willing, it shall (according to unanimous vote [H. N.]) be held in Lancaster, and, if possible, in May, but so that it do not fall in court time, and not on the 27th of the month (because on that day the Provost must be elsewhere [H. N.])."

Question 4. *What is the best method of conducting "Kinderlehre?"* Response: "The same catechism should be used in all the United Congregations. The schools in the towns should be diligently visited by the preacher. In the country provision should be made for private devotional exercises and catechisation of children and servants, in the houses, in presence of the parents. The truths should be taught them out of the Catechism, simply, intelligently, impressively, and adapted to their capacity, and be supported by proof-texts from Holy Scripture. Above all, the youth should be objects of most diligent labor; they ought to be spared from too much memorizing, and in memorizing a thought the object should be that it be well analyzed and made clear to their weak intellectual powers, and be so brought to them that it will fill not only the memory, but also the other powers of the soul with pleasure and with life. (Complaint was made that in the large and widely-scattered country congregations and filials little time, opportunity and ability remained for this work, etc.) In visiting at the houses notice should be taken of what books there were in the family, as harmful ones may sometimes be met with. The Provost said that in his visits he had made a table in which he wrote the names of parents, children and servants, and noted their excellencies and their defects, so that in looking over it he had the condition of the whole congregation before his eyes (against which one of the others remarked that this was not practicable in large congregations, though it was desirable) Further, one might now and then give the children who were most diligent in learning a small gift, which would encourage them to greater dili-

¹ Suppressed in H. N. Restored from MS. at Halle.

gence. The remark was casually made that the children in school should not be taught spelling and reading from the Testament or Bible, especially if they were scolded or punished in learning, because this occasioned an aversion and contempt towards the Holy Word of God, so that as they grow older they evidence a dread and repugnance towards it, as we notice in our daily experience with old and young. Schoolmasters, catechists and teachers must take care that the Bible is presented to the children as the highest treasure and most precious gem, and so regarded and used that it tastes like sugar and honey to them, *e. g.*; if one gave children more milk and bread than they could enjoy and digest they would spill it, tread it under foot or spit it out again. Every man has indeed a natural aversion towards divine and spiritual matters, but this disgust is certainly increased if the children are indiscreetly overfed with solid food from the Word of God, etc. There are other convenient and useful books to be found in which the children may learn to spell and read.¹ The Bible must of course be used diligently, but yet as the holiest of all, and so that, when it is opened before the children they will feel, according to their limited and realistic conceptions as though a box of sweetmeats and all kinds of delicacies had been opened for distribution. (An Elder who was present, and did not understand it rightly, thought that we wanted to banish the Catechism and God's Word from the schools, and it was explained to him more clearly.) May God the Lord move our Fathers in the European Mother-Church, with their larger experience and more mature judgment, to teach us briefly how and in what manner the Holy Word of God may obtain the reverence due it from old and young! Books and rules, teaching, in general and specifically, how God's Word ought to be read, regarded, used and applied, etc., are indeed not wanting in our evangelical church, but the general practice shows sufficiently that all the rules are not yet sufficient, but that the Holy Word of God, the richest treasure and most precious gem, is not only most wickedly buried in a napkin by the Babylonian woman, but even among learned Protestants is not regarded as highly as the *Corpus Juris Romanum* is among jurists, and is treated by the people as the peddler's sack found by the sow. The Papists actually put us to shame, because the children of the world are wiser than the children of the light. They can gather the people far and wide with a bone and other relics, no matter where they have been picked up, and can cause them to be honored with great reverence as so-called "sacred" things, and to be kissed with trembling, etc. When, with their trickery, they show a "monstrance" the people fall down and exhibit the greatest reverence. We Protest-

¹ Here followed Report in H. N. much condensed and altered

ants have the most Holy Word of God in the original, and in our mother tongue, and regard not the heavenly gem, but make an apple of discord of it, etc. There certainly is some fault somewhere. I recall what an old Bohemian told me in the Oberlausitz: A hundred and some years ago several Bibles were, through the gracious Providence of God, brought into Bohemia among the secret Protestants. Several families kept their Bibles in secret. The grandfather of my informant also had inherited one of them, and kept it concealed in a secret place in the cellar. At certain times he had all his children and children's children come together as though he had prepared a feast for them. They sat together till late at night, and, in order that the clergy might not suspect that they were holding Pietistic conventicles, pipes and tobacco were lying on the tables, and beer and brandy stood alongside, which, however, were but little touched, although they were the criteria of the ignorant orthodox people, and removed the suspicion of dangerous heresy or pietism. At midnight the grandfather, as the head of the family, went down and brought up the treasure—the Bible—in his bosom. The whole family sat about the tables and waited in great attention and *ἀποκαταδοξία* to see and hear the sacred Book. The grandfather seated himself in his place, drew out the Bible, kissed it with great reverence, pressed it to his breast, and could not restrain the tears of joy which were mingled with the tears of the whole family. After the grandfather had shown due respect, it was handed to the members of the family, according to their ages, and caressed with equal reverence, even by the youngest. After this some one who could do so, read a passage or a pithy sentence once, twice or three times, so that all present ate and drank as it were the Word of life with great zeal, and transformed it into spirit and life. When this had been quietly done they kissed the Bible farewell, put it again to its secure place and walked in the strength obtained from this food until they again found opportunity to make a feast, and also after the meal, showed the divine power and fruit of faith in a godly life and conversation,¹ and propagated the Christian religion in such manner that, notwithstanding all the trickery and malice of Satan and his following directed against it, it has not quite been destroyed even to the present day. O! that we might treat the Word of God as God's Word, use it as it deserves, and believe, teach and live in accordance with the same, while it is yet day, before the darkness comes upon us!

We ought also be supplied with small books in which divine workings of grace (*Gnadenzüge u. Wirkungen*) on little children are rec-

¹ (They found *contradictiones apparentes*, neither in the Old Testament nor in the New, but only the Word of Life [Halle Doc.]).

ordered; for good, edifying and easily understood examples most readily impress the tender hearts of children. I have before now seen one of this kind translated from English into German, but could not get it in this country. How useful such little tracts prepared *cum grano salis*, would be in our schools.¹ If nothing is accomplished with the children, the best opportunity is lost. Matth. 18: 10."

Question 5. *What is the best method of preaching?* Response: The Provost begins service an hour earlier, goes through a passage of the New Testament, *e. g.* the Gospel according to St. Matthew, *analytice, exegetice* and *applicative*. The sermon is well thought out, composed and digested beforehand, and lasts about three-quarters of an hour. Afterwards, he asks his hearers what they have specially noted and remembered of it, points out to them the *nervum probandi* in the proof texts used, and shows how they must be applied *in secunda persona*.

Another says that he has also done this in the country congregations, preached a half or three-quarters of an hour, and then gone over it with the congregation and made more direct applications.

One should not affect erudition, but come to the level of the people, not strike at the air, or use low phrases, teach *non multa, sed multum*,—one fundamental truth, briefly explained, thoroughly approved and immediately applied; not dryly, but practically; represent the Christian religion not as a burden, but as a pleasure—in the application avoid personalities—not allow the love of Jesus to be colored and dimmed by the root of self love, when hurt by some one—distinguish between person and thing—personal matters should be settled privately during pastoral visits, and not be brought into the pulpit. *Elenchus* must not therefore be neglected.—Rightly formulate the *thesis*, but do not forget the *antithesis*;—for since our church members dwell among all kinds of parties and unfriendly sects, polemics must also be treated, yet without mentioning names, and as Doctor and Professor Anthon did, so that the unholy founts of all heresy and sectism are exhibited, and we still remain humble and moderate.—As many parties dwell together, intermarry and have relations of business and life one with another, a dangerous indifferentism is easily occasioned; therefore it is necessary at times to point out the differences, as otherwise the suspicion of indifference may also fall upon the preacher.—The moral condition of the members ought to be diligently investigated, and be used to guide our homiletics—Above all to sow with tears! and have the edification of each individual at heart, and take care unto ourselves and unto the doctrine.

Question 6. *What advantages are to be noticed in the Holy Communion?*

Response: "The doctrine of Holy Communion must be diligently taught,

¹ Latter paragraphs not in H. N.

correctly explained and well impressed. Dr. Fresenius's small book for Confession and Communion is excellent. The doctrine is often expounded too dryly, too legalistically, too gently, in too lofty or in too undignified a manner. When it is rightly understood and placed where our Most Gracious Saviour placed it, it is a most comforting part of the Order of Grace, a help in conversion, the closest application of atonement, an essential part of the New Covenant, a treasure above all treasures. The Swedish members formerly had excessively legalistic ideas, and some shrank from it until their old age or upon their death beds; but now that they have been better informed, they come weeping and praying and ask for it. The High Germans are mostly hyper-evangelical in this matter, and in using the Lord's Supper they presume upon their justification before God and men without repentance and faith; this, however, is opposed by our testimony. The Lord's Supper is announced beforehand in all the United Congregations. In the towns, the members have sufficient opportunity to give in their names on week-days, and confer with their pastors privately concerning the condition of their souls, and to settle strife, etc., with the help of the Church Council, if it is necessary. But, in the country, where the people sometimes live ten to fifteen miles from the church, must cross streams of water, are poor and have no horses to ride, or are servants of harsh and ill-disposed parties, it is with difficulty that they can be gotten together on Saturday for announcement and preparation. Such far distant and poor people or servants should come on Sunday morning early, announce themselves, confess, and afterwards receive the Communion with the rest. It was suggested that such members should rather be spoken to one or more Sundays before, instructed and prepared, so that the pastor might at least have a better opportunity to learn the condition of their souls."

Question 7. *Whether preachers should be present at, or absent themselves from marriage feasts?*

Response: "Several well-meaning parents and young people have earnestly requested that their ministers should be with them at the marriage feast; and they have been there and spent the day in edifying discourse and the singing of spiritual hymns. Other parents have made the same request, and it has been granted them. As long as the preacher was present, everything was quiet and respectable. But as soon as he had turned his back, the people carried on their calf-worship, with dancing and other disorders, and then it was reported around the country, that the preacher too was at the wedding. The unanimous advice was, that the preachers should rather stay away entirely, since at such times there was little good to be done, as the people occupied them-

selves more with material and visible matters than with spiritual. However, each is free to attend in special cases, where it may be necessary and advantageous, although more could be accomplished in a house of mourning. In cases where the preacher is required to perform the ceremony in the house, he can without harm, take something as he needs it, and then withdraw.”¹

Question 8. *Should not a President of the Ministerium be elected annually, and be charged with the duty of visiting all the United Congregations, and attending the Swedish synodical meetings as delegate?*
Response: “Yes,” unanimously.²

After this, Pastor Handschuh and several elders, who had on the evening before lodged in the same house with Rev. Caspar Stöver and had talked with him, stated that Mr. Stöver was offended because we had not invited him, and when he had joined us yesterday we had treated him so coldly, although he sought nothing else than Christian fraternal fellowship in his old age, and would like to have the congregations which he yet served prosper after his death. Answer was made that in 1753 he had been at the synodical meeting in Tulpehocken, and afterwards had greatly abused the privilege, and even in the preceding year had treated several members of the Ministerium unfairly; and as to the cold treatment, we did not know how to do better than we had done, since he was at our two-hour private conference last evening and heard the most valuable practical truths, and also joined in the conversation himself. If, in the meantime, he would conduct himself in a Christian manner, and we could in any degree see that it would be an advantage to all, and especially to him, he might be invited next time, God willing.

Pastor Handschuh then read a letter from a young preacher, Schwerdtfeger by name, in which he complained bitterly because we had not invited him. He has married the daughter of a well-meaning elder who was present from the Lancaster congregation; he came into this country without a call, and without authority received ordination from several like himself, at which the Provost was very much surprised and grieved.

Thus was the Conference for this time ended in love, peace and unity, and closed with prayer and thanksgiving. In the afternoon, at about three o'clock, the Ministerium began to examine the younger Mr. William Kurtz, since Pastor Kurtz, Sr., desired to have him as assistant in his filials, and requested that he be therefore publicly examined, and, if it were found advisable, ordained. After a prayer, he was

¹ Much condensed in H. N.

² Suppressed in H. N.

required to open the Greek Testament to the third chapter of I Corinthians and explain it in Latin, which was done satisfactorily without hesitation. Afterwards the 117th Psalm was given to him in Hebrew, and he was asked to translate it into Latin, *ex tempore*, according to the genuine literal sense, which again was done readily and skilfully. Further, he was also required to treat the second Psalm similarly. The Provost was pleased, and said that he had not suspected anything like this in Pennsylvania, and began to examine him in theology in Latin. Mr. M. Gerock followed the Provost, and examined the candidate in difficult theological questions. Further, Pastor Handschuh among other questions, asked him, what are the *criteria* or *characteres* of a true servant of Jesus Christ? Pastor Hausihl tested him with various questions in Polemics. Pastor Weygand argued with him on several articles in Theology. After the examination he was required to withdraw, in order that the Ministerium might declare their opinion, which was as follows: 1. Provost: "Very good." 2. Mr. Weygand: "Very good" 3. Mr. Handschuh: "Good." 4. Mr. Gerock: "He has sufficient foundation; he must be diligent in practice and build upon it." 5. Mr. Hausihl: Same as Mr. Gerock. 6. Mr. Schaum: "Good." 7. Mr. Bryzelius: "Very good." Hereupon Latin questions were handed him which he was to answer in writing. The ordination is postponed to another time, when it shall be held publicly.

In the evening the election of a President was held *per plurima vota*, which were as follows:

No. 1. "Præses esto, Rev. Mr. Mühlenberg." No. 2. "Pastor Mühlenberg." No. 3. "Senior Myhlenberg." No. 4. "S. T., Mr. Mühlenberg, Sr." No. 5. "Senior Mühlenberg: Votum Weygand." No. 6. "H. Mühlenberg." No. 7. "Senior Mühlenberg — Kurtz." No. 8. "Dn Sen. Mühlenberg: Si omnes consentiunt, ego non dissentio." No. 9. "P. Mühlenberg."

After the business was finished, the ministers and elders present were cheered by the singing and playing of hymns. Some who were tired went to their rest, and the others, the Provost, Mr. M. Gerock, Pastor Weygand, Mr. Kurtz, Sr., and Mühlenberg, conferred on times past and future, until 3 o'clock in the morning.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, the ministers and friends present after breakfast, ended with prayer, sang, in closing, the last stanza of the hymn: "*Nun freut euch lieben Christen gmein*," etc., "*Was ich gethan hab, und gelehrt, das sollt du thun und lehren*," etc., said farewell, and started on their journeys to their respective homes.

Psalm 133.

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION.

1761.

TRINITY SUNDAY,

(May 17-18, Trinity Church, Lancaster.)

I.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, o. e. 865; n. e. II. 374. Mühlenberg Diary, MS., May, 1761.]

In the month of May, 1761, our annual preachers' Convention of the United Swedish and German Ministerium was held in Lancaster, upon occasion of the laying of the corner-stone of a new Lutheran church at that place.

(Cf. also H. N. o. e. 948; n. e. II. 427: Ordination in this meeting of Kurtz, Jr.; Mann, *Life and Times of Mühlenberg*, 385: attack of Rauss on Mühlenberg v. *Mühlenberg's Defence*, MS.: "Mr. Rauss at the meeting in Lancaster, May 19 A.C., expressly promised before the members of the Rev. Ministerium of Swedish and German nationality, that he would prove in writing to the chosen arbitrators that Mühlenberg is *a.* heterodox in the Evangelical Lutheran doctrine, and *b.* unchristian in life and conversation. The Swedish pastors, Dr. Wrangel and Borell, were appointed arbitrators." Mühlenberg's defence, or rather his review of Rauss' brief of charges, is in Archives of the Ministerium, both in his own handwriting, and in documents transcribed from those at Halle. It would fill, if here printed, about seventy-five pp. of this volume. Reference to this meeting is found also in Lancaster Memorial Volume, pp. 19, 20.)

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION.

1762.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

(June 27-29, Philadelphia.)

I.

[REV. MÜHLENBERG'S DIARY, 1762. H. N. 916 ff. and MS.]

Friday, June 25, . . . Toward evening [after 4 o'clock], I rode out to Wicaco with Messrs. Gerock and Schwertfeger to the Swedish Provost. We asked Mr. Schwertfeger whether he was willing to undergo an examination, as we could not otherwise receive him into ministerial fellowship. He answered: "Yes." Thereupon Provost Wrangel and Pastor Gerock were requested to examine him on the morrow, and to give their opinion of it in the public meeting. In the evening Pastor Weygand held a service, and edified those present, his text being II Cor. 4: 6, 7. The appointed Conference of preachers caused joy among the members of the congregation, who said: Such a thing had not happened for years ["since Mr. Handschuh stood alone and held aloof from the Ministerium." . . .]

Saturday, about eleven o'clock, I had a private conference with Mr. Weygand concerning New York congregational affairs.

In the afternoon, about four o'clock, I had asked for a conference in the school-house, on account of the matters that were to come up in the Synod, at which conference there were present: Dr. Wrangel, Rev. Gerock, Rev. Weygand, Rev. Bryzelius, Rev. Handschuh, and I. It was late when we separated.

Sunday, June 27, about nine o'clock, the following preachers gradually assembled: 1. The Swedish Provost Wrangel. 2. Mr. Borell, Swedish preacher from Wilmington. 3. Mr. Wicksel, Swedish minister from Racoon, in Jersey. 4. Rev. Gerock from Lancaster. 5. Rev. Hausihl from Reading. 6. Rev. Bryzelius from Raritan. 7. Rev. Weygand from New York. 8. Rev. Schwertfeger from Conestoga. 9. Pastor Handschuh, and 10, I (Mühlenberg). As delegates there were present Esquire Coultas, a real patriot of our church from Kingcess;

Esquire Kuhn from Lancaster; Mr. Rade from Lebanon; two from Tulpehocken; the others, from Reading (Samuel Weiser), New Hanover (one, Mr. Jurger), New York (two, Messrs. Grim and Ebert), and Jersey (two, Jacob Oeff and John Appleman),¹ and Mr. Stiegel from the Elizabeth Iron Furnace. The deacons of the Philadelphia congregation preceded, and all the rest followed to the church in procession [Mühlenberg with the Provost, Geroock with Borell, Hausihl with Wicksel, Handschuh with Weygand, and then the elders and delegates with Captain Coultas.]

In the church, which was much too small, 1. Dr. Wrangel opened the services with reading the 146th Psalm. 2. Mühlenberg read the confession and collects, etc.² 3. Mr. Handschuh baptized children. 4. As the chief hymn we sang, "*Zeuch mich, zeuch mich mit den Armen*," etc. 5. Rev. Geroock preached on the Gospel for the Third Sunday after Trinity, and set forth "The love of Jesus Justifying Itself in receiving Publicans and Sinners," in a very edifying manner. 6. Rev. Borell closed with prayer and the benediction. After this the preachers went to Mr. Handschuh's parsonage, where a light meal had been prepared at the congregation's expense.

About three o'clock in the afternoon the services in the church again began. Mr. Bryzelius rode to Kingcess with Esq. Coultas, to preach there in Swedish. The Swedish Provost preached the first German sermon in our St. Michael's Church in the presence of a very large audience, on John 20: 19-21. On "The First Festive Appearance of the Risen Saviour to Ten of His Disciples." It was an excellent, exegetically instructive and edifying discourse, such as I had not yet heard in this part of the world. After the sermon we sang, "*Mein Heiland nimmt die Sünder an*," etc., and Pastor Wicksel closed with the benediction.

Afterwards the preachers went to the school house and had edifying conversations with one another. In the evening, about seven o'clock, we went to church for service. Mr. Weigand delivered a discourse on Rom. 7: 12, "Of the Nature and Use of the Law," etc. (It seemed to some that Mr. Weygand intended to give a hint, as though in the two preceding sermons the friend of sinners and publicans, Jesus, had been pictured too evangelically, etc.) After this hour we again went to the school house, where Pastor Kurtz and his younger brother, as also Pastor Schaum, joined us. At my request, Pastor Kurtz had preached impressively at Barren Hill in the morning, and at

¹ Names in parenthesis supplied from MS.

² MS. "And read the Epistle."

Germantown in the Reformed Church in the afternoon, and Mr. Kurtz, Jr., had held services¹ at Upper Dublin.

Monday, June 28, early, delegates from Indianfield arrived, bringing a preacher with them, whom they wished to have examined by the Ministerium. Further delegates from Germantown, Barren Hill and Upper Dublin presented themselves.

II.

[REPORT OF THE PREACHERS' CONFERENCE IN JUNE, 1762, PREPARED BY
PASTOR HANDSCHUH. H. N. 954. (Sup. II. Doc. II. 1245),
MS. Mühlenberg's Diary in Archives.]

Reverend Fathers in Christ:

We shall hereby most obediently render to you a short account of the Church Conference called together by Rev. Mühlenberg and held in St. Michael's Church, Philadelphia, at the end of June, 1762. The preachers who arrived one after another and were present at it were the following: 1. Provost Dr. Wrangel; 2. Mr. Borell; 3. Mr. Bryzelius; and 4. Mr. Wicksel, who are the four Swedish colleagues; further, 5. Mr. Mühlenberg; 6. I. Handschuh; 7. Mr. Kurtz, Sr.; 8. Mr. M. Gerock, 9. Mr. Schaum; 10. Mr. Weygand; 11. Mr. Hausihl; 12. Mr. Kurtz, Jr.; 13. Mr. Schwertfeger; and 14. Mr. Roth. There were two, three and four delegated elders and deacons from each of the outside congregations, and from some even more; no small number altogether. On the Third Sunday after Trinity all the preachers, together with all the delegated elders and deacons, assembled in the large room of our school-house, a good half hour before the last forenoon bell-ringing, and from there went to the church by twos. Pastor Mühlenberg read the Public Confession and what belongs to it, Pastor Handschuh baptized the children, Mr. M. Gerock preached and one of the Swedish preachers offered the prayer and pronounced the benediction standing before the altar. After service was ended the preachers went by twos to the parsonage [where they and their wives had dinner, and received every attention possible from Handschuh and various elders of this place.] From the parsonage the preachers again went to the church by twos as the bells were ringing for afternoon service. After the hymn the preacher read the 133d Psalm, Provost Wrangel preached, and the third Swedish preacher offered the prayer and pronounced the benediction from before the altar. In the evening, about seven o'clock, service was held, at which Mr. Weygand preached. After its conclusion every preacher retired to his lodging-place.

¹ MS., "and communion."

On the Monday following, June 28, at nine o'clock, the public worship in the church again began, to which the preachers, elders and deacons of the various United Congregations had gone by twos as on the preceding Sunday. One of the preachers stood before the altar and read a Bible passage, Mr. Kurtz, Sr., preached the Synodical sermon and one of the Swedish brethren standing before the altar offered the prayer and pronounced the benediction. After the close of the service the preachers, and the elders, deacons and other delegates of the various United Congregations in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York who were present remained in the church, and the public Conference, over which Pastor Mühlberg presided, was opened by him with a prayer. [The President appointed Pastor Handschuh to act as Secretary, and opened the Synod with the Litany, after which the second verse of "*Komm Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott,*" was sung. H. N. o. e. 918.]

Then the following matters were taken up, one after the other :

I. The testimonial of Mr. John William Samuel Schwertfeger from his native country was openly read, also the examination certificate of his eligibility for the office of preacher, which Dr. Wrangel and Mr. M. Gerock had given him in writing. Thereupon his reception into our fellowship was approved by all the preachers present. Rev. Mühlberg then read to him very distinctly the most important Scripture passages¹ in regard to the ministry, and then he received from all and each of the preachers a hearty wish of blessing. Finally Mr. Schwertfeger expressed his most humble thanks to the whole Ministerium for his reception. At the close of this first transaction: "*Was ich gethan hab und gelehrt,*" etc., was sung.

II. A necessary inquiry was made about the schools in each of the United Congregations, upon which the following reports were made: 1. New Providence has several small schools, but the main school at the church is vacant. 2. New Hanover still has one school, and has been somewhat assisted by the society in London, but this assistance has lately been withdrawn again. 3. The condition of our schools at Philadelphia is sufficiently well known, and the public examination on the morrow shall testify of it. 4. In the Swedish congregations the Swedish schools have, alas! been neglected for several generations. But Dr. Wrangel has started an English school in one of his congregations in which the Lutheran catechism is taught in an English translation. 5. In the Raritan congregation the German school is as yet wanting. 6. In New York the German school is badly managed by reason of a worthless schoolmaster. 7. In Mr. Schaum's congregations, at Oley, a

¹ On I Thess. 5: 12.

² M.S. from Timothy Titus, etc.

worthless schoolmaster had to be discharged, hence the school has fallen into decay at present. 8. In Vincent Township there is a good school; they have an excellent schoolmaster and nearly sixty scholars. 9. In Reading there is a well-managed school of eighty children or more. 10. Richmond also has a fair school. 11. In Rev. Kurtz, Sr.'s, congregations there are several schools; in Tulpehocken one of forty, and in Heidelberg one of thirty children. 12. In Lebanon there are no schools yet on account of the poverty of the people. 13. In Easton there is no permanent school because the people are too scattered. 14. At the Nordkiel Mr. Kurtz, Jr., keeps school himself in winter, and at first had about thirty children, but afterward the number decreased on account of the high water. 15. In Lancaster the German school has from fifty to sixty children in summer, but from eighty to ninety in winter. It is supported by the congregation itself, without outside assistance. Its schoolmaster, Jacob Löser, is a ready and gifted man, who would be well capable of still more important service. Yet it is to be regretted that the lack of room and of a proper code of rules interferes with its efficiency.

III. The increase of the congregations since the synod of the preceding year, through Holy Baptism: 1. In Rev. Mühlenberg's congregations at Providence and New Hanover, one hundred and twenty children and seven or eight grown persons. 2. In Philadelphia, one hundred and thirty or forty, among whom were several grown people. 3. In Dr. Wrangel's congregations, one hundred and fifty children, and of adults, four negroes and six white persons, one of whom had been a Quaker; beside these, there is one more under instruction. In Malatte an Englishman was instructed and baptized. 4. In Lancaster, two hundred and fifty. In Biber Creek, some twenty to thirty children and some six adults. 5. In Wilmington and the congregation belonging to it, ninety children and six or seven adults. 6. In Mr. Bryzelius' congregations, in the Province of New Jersey, some eight adults were instructed and baptized, two others are yet under instruction; and of baptized children there are at least over a hundred. 7. In New York, Mr. Weygand has one child of seven years under instruction, the number of those baptized he will send in later, as he does not know it exactly. 8. In Reading and the congregations belonging to that charge, two hundred and fifty children; besides these, one adult was baptized on last Whitsunday, and another is still under instruction. 9. Mr. Kurtz, Jr., has baptized one person whose parents are Dunkers.

IV. The number of the confirmed who communed for the first time: In Barren Hill, twenty souls; in Cohenzy, eleven; in Philadelphia, sixty-five; in Dr. Wrangel's congregations, eighteen; among them one

who had been a Roman Catholic; in Racoon, six Swedes and four Germans; in Lancaster, forty, from fourteen to twenty years of age; among them, also, one Roman Catholic; in Wilmington, fourteen; in New Germantown, in Jersey, fifteen; in Mr. Schaum's congregations, fourteen; among them one married woman; in Mr. Hausihl's congregations, forty-four; among whom were one married man and seven married women. As to New York, Mr. Weygand will send the report later. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., instructed and confirmed twenty-two persons there, among whom was one Roman Catholic; in Tulpehocken, thirty-six souls; in Heidelberg, twenty-one; on the Nordkiel, twenty-one are to be confirmed next Sunday; in Mr. Schwertfeger's congregations, thirty-nine; among them one married man.

V. As to the reception of new congregations, there were the following: 1. Lebanon, whose petition to the United Preachers was read from a letter by Rev. Kurtz, Sr. 2. Greenwich, in Berks county, whose letter asking for a pastor from our Ministerium, was read. Special request was made for Mr. Schaum. 3. In New York, the separated Meadow congregation also applied to this Ministerium, which matter was afterwards decided in a private conference. 4. Barren Hill, Upper Dublin, Cohenzy, Saccum, New Hanover, and New Providence, shall be further provided for. 5. The consideration of Germantown was postponed until the private conference. Adjourned with prayer and a hymn.

Then all present went, two by two, from the church to the school-house, and there dined. The young English preacher of the High Church, Mr. Duchee, and several members of his congregation, were present by invitation.

In the private conference of the preachers, held in the afternoon, the following matters came up: 1. In reference to Germantown, the many points of complaint against their pastor, Mr. Rapp, were read. The delegates from that place were listened to, one after the other, and upon their urgent request we promised to receive them and those at Barren Hill as far as possible, and that Rev. Kurtz, Sr., should go to Germantown as soon as he could, and make a trial of six weeks; his place is to be supplied by his nearest colleagues who were willing, especially Provost Wrangel, Mr. M. Gerock, Mr. Kurtz, Jr., Mr. Schaum and Mr. Schwertfeger. 2. The election of a new President. The majority of votes were for Rev. Mühlenberg, in which office success and blessing were then wished him by all of the preachers.

[The MS. of Mühlenberg differs here, introducing the deliberations concerning New York, not reported in H. N., until the final decision next day. It is as follows:

[The matter of the New York congregations was taken up and the delegates of both congregations given an audience. We scarcely know how to decide, since we need laborers, and at this time it seems impossible to unite the two congregations into one. The matter was postponed for more mature deliberation until, D. V., to-morrow morning. There being a little time left, the Ministerium proceeded to the election of a President. I begged to be excused from the office, and gave my reasons, but they again elected me, and asked that I remain in office only until the congregations were brought into better order.]

In the evening about seven o'clock, the service began in church. Provost Wrangel preached, and one of the Swedish brethren offered prayer and afterwards pronounced the benediction before the altar. After the close of the evening service every one went home.

Tuesday, June 29, all the preachers came together in one of the upper school rooms, at about nine o'clock in the forenoon, for a further conference, at which the following matters were taken up: 1. Mr. Roth, who had formerly been a Roman Catholic student at Siegen, was taken aside into another school-room, and carefully examined as to his doctrine by Dr. Wrangel, Mr. M. Gerock and Rev. Handschuh, Mr. Weygand attending, as his strength permitted. He was earnestly exhorted and requested to wait for his reception into our fellowship until further information, and then in fervent prayer commended to the Lord, which was not done without tears and heart-felt emotion on his part. 2. The circumstances of the New York congregations were again earnestly taken up. Rev. Kurtz's diary of his and Provost Wrangel's journey to New York and their doings there, his proposition for union presented to the above congregations, and the answer to it from Rev. Weygand and his elders and deacons were read; whereupon it was finally decided, after much and somewhat laborious consideration, that another attempt at the union of these two separated congregations must be made, and Rev. Mr. Gerock was unanimously chosen to accompany the delegates from New York home and undertake such attempt. Rev. Kurtz, Sr., and Mr. Schwertfeger were willing to supply his place in Lancaster, in the meantime, and, perhaps, also Mr. Mühlenberg for one Sunday. Thereupon the delegated elders and deacons from both the New York congregations were earnestly exhorted. After the close of this private conference, several preachers and the New York elders remained and dined with Mr. Handschuh; others went with Rev. Mühlenberg to his house, and others to their several lodging places.

In the afternoon, at about two o'clock, all the preachers came together

in the church for the public school examination, to which not only all the preachers, resident and non-resident elders and deacons who were present, but also the parents of the children, had been publicly invited the day before. There was an unusually large number of the school children, who had been led in, each class two by two, and had been seated in suitable order by their schoolmaster Hofner. The examination was opened with singing and prayer by the school children. The higher classes were examined by the preachers, especially by the non-resident Germans; but the schoolmaster examined the lower classes, the examination being interspersed with the singing of beautiful hymns. When this was finished, the schoolmaster catechized all the school children in the order of their classes; in which the children were so hearty and ready, also in repeating the best proof-texts, that all the non-resident preachers, elders and deacons present were not a little astonished, and listened with the greatest satisfaction. Finally Mr. Kurtz, Jr., came before the altar, made an edifying address to the children, and closed with prayer; and at last the exercises ended with singing and the distribution of pretzels.

In the evening, about seven o'clock, a public service was again held in the church. Mr. Hausihl preached [on Rev. 3: 1-2, for almost two hours], and another offered prayer and pronounced the benediction from before the altar. Since the public services in day time, as well as in the evening, were attended by an unusually large number of listeners, and attentively followed to their end, the audience was invited to another service on the following evening in the Swedish Church at Wicaco.

On Wednesday morning some of the preachers again prepared for the journey home; the resident preachers and those who yet remained, at the invitation of Provost Wrangel dined, together with their wives, at his home. [After dinner some rested awhile, others went together into his garden, others shut themselves in a room to discuss in quiet, all manner of congregational and ministerial matters especially concerning Yorktown.] Toward evening quite a number of people came to the Swedish church, although many had a long way to come from the city. For the sake of those who understood no German, the Swedish preacher Bryzelius preached in English [on John 17: 3. Sermon much confused, as he extemporized], and Rev. Mühlenberg addressed a German exhortation [on Ps. 73: 25], to those who did not understand the English [and thanked the Swedish ministers for their faithful and edifying attendance, and wished his colleagues a happy journey home]. The English sang in English, and the Germans in German, each in their order. Several preachers remained with Provost Wrangel for

supper; others who had business to transact, returned the long distance to their homes with their wives. Thus the Conference for this time was closed, with the gracious aid of God, and presumably not entirely without blessing and encouragement. The Lord be praised!

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Philadelphia, April 26, 1763.

SIXTEENTH CONVENTION.

1763.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY,

(October 16-19, Philadelphia.)

[PASTOR MÜHLENBERG'S DIARY, 1763. H. N. 1122 ff.; MS.; Supplemented by Halle Doc. II. 1575 ff.]

October 15. The delegates and preachers gradually arrived, various members of the congregation handed in their names for communion tomorrow, and besides much other coming and going, I had also to visit some sick people. About two o'clock in the afternoon, I went to the Conference in the parsonage [where there were present Dr. Wrangel, Messrs. Hornell, Gerock, Hausihl, Bager, Handschuh and I]. Here I read them the minutes of the last meeting, then I communicated to them the correspondence received respecting the congregations [among which also was the Latin letter, which especially offended the Provost with its blind prejudices]. Arrangements for the sermons and evening services were made. [We conferred concerning the invitation of old Rev. Stöver and Mr. Roth.] We also discussed whether we should not invite Mr. Whitefield and the two friendly disposed preachers of the Episcopal Church for Monday and Tuesday, especially to the examination of the children. Dr. Wrangel mentioned, among other reasons, that Mr. Whitefield had assisted our poor distressed brethren in Prussia by means of collections. In the evening, Dr. Wrangel took me with him to Mr. Whitefield, and in the name of the Ministerium we invited him, and at the same time the Rector of the High Church [Rev. Peters] who was present. He promised, if he were well, to attend next Tuesday. In the evening from 8 to 11, Pastor Gerock was with me alone, and had much to confer about, but I could endure the strain no longer, being wearied and exhausted.

October 16. I was visited by Deacon Roth, and by the delegates from Tulpehocken, who anxiously requested that we should soon send Mr. Kurtz home again from Germantown, as the congregation was in danger of being scattered. I had also a visitor from Indianfield. After nine o'clock in the forenoon, I went to the school-house, where I

found the preachers, our church council and the delegates assembled. Toward ten o'clock we went in procession to the church [*a.* the six deacons of the Philadelphia congregation preceding, *b.* then the Provost, Gerock and I, *c.* Messrs. Heggeblad and Hornell, *d.* Messrs. Hausihl and Bager, *e.* Messrs. Handschuh, Stöver, Kurtz, Jr. and Roth, *f.* the delegates, and last our trustees and elders].

Public worship was held in the following order: It was opened with the reading of the 117th Psalm by Wrangel, and then "*Komm Helliger Geist, Herre Gott,*" etc., was sung with instrumental music. Then the Confession, Collect and Epistle were read by Mühlenberg, and the hymn, "*Sey Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut,*" etc., was sung. Hereupon one of the preachers, Rev. Bager, read the Apostles' Creed. A selection of Church music was rendered, and Dr. Wrangel preached an excellent and powerful sermon on II Cor. 5: 14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us," etc. The theme was: "How far the service of converted and of unconverted preachers could be effective and pleasing to Christ." The distinction between the efficacy and the administration of the Gospel was very well shown, but only the first part could be treated, the time being too short. The second part of the fruits of converted laborers was postponed to some other opportunity. After the sermon [the first two stanzas of] "*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme,*" etc., were sung [chorweis], and then the Confession and the Absolution were read [by Rev. Handschuh,] and the bread and wine consecrated. [Dr. Wrangel and I administered the communion.] Six ministers and about seventy members of the congregation received the Holy Communion. After the Benediction had been pronounced [by Rev. Hornell,] all the preachers went to the school-house after one o'clock and dined. Pastor Handschuh had a Reformed woman to bury, who had died in childbirth, and to preach the funeral sermon in the old Reformed Church. About half-past two in the afternoon, we [all except Dr. Wrangel who stood as sponsor for Rev. Duchee's son] again went to the church. After the hymn, "*Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit,*" etc., had been sung, and Mr. Hausihl had baptized four children, Mr. Stöver preached on the Epistle lesson for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, Eph. 5: 15-21: "Of the Prudent Walk and Conversation of the Christian." 1. In regard to ministers, 2. To hearers. Finally, "*Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade bey uns, Herr Jesu Christ,*" etc., was sung. Afterwards, several of the preachers and delegates again went to the school-house, where the elder Mr. Kurtz who had labored in his congregation in the forenoon, also joined them. In the evening at about seven o'clock, we again went to church, where a large crowd had gathered. Rev. Bager, of the High German congregation in New York, a former pupil of Drs.

Baumgarten, Knapp and Clausnitz, preached a very refreshing, instructive and edifying sermon on Heb. 11 : 24-26 [Of a Wise and Intelligent Choice. 1. What to reject; 2 What to choose and take.]

Monday, Oct. 17. The younger Mr. Kurtz was called to Germantown to attend a funeral for his brother. Towards ten o'clock the preachers and delegates assembled in the school-house and went in procession to the church. The synodical sermon was preached [by Rev. Hausihl] on Rev. 3 : 4. ["Thou hast a few names even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments."] He preached especially on the following words : "And they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy." After the sermon the business sessions began in the following order :

I. The President requested Mr. Kurtz, Sr., to record the minutes.

II. The delegates were called up and enrolled : 1. From the Philadelphia congregation, the trustees, elders and deacons present. 2. From Germantown, John Groothaus, John Nebal, Adolf Gillman and John Engel. 3. From White Marsh or Barren Hill, Christoph. Robin, Valentine Müller, Matth. Sommer. 4. From Lancaster, Esquire Kuhn and Caspar Singer. 5. From Yorktown, across the Susquehanna, Jacob Billmeyer. 6. From Frederickstown, in Maryland, no one was present on account of the lateness of the season, but instead there was a written report. 7. From Providence, no one had come, partly because the elders are offended since they had expected me to return. 8. From New Hanover, Mr. Michael Walter. 9. From Reading, on the Schuylkill, Jacob Rabolt. 10. From Tulpehocken, Andreas Kreuzer and Jacob Fischer. 11. From New Germantown, Bedminster, etc., in Jersey, none were present, because the invitation had not been correctly delivered. 12. From New York, a letter of excuse [by Rev. Weygand] from the Low German Congregation, but from the High German a delegate, Peter Grim. 13. The Low and High German Congregations in Hackensack, Remmersbach, Wahlkiel, etc., had sufficiently excused themselves, having paid us a visit several weeks before and reported the condition of the church. 14. From Rhinebeck, Camp, Staatsburg, Claverack in the Province of New York, two hundred miles from here, an adequate excuse was received. They stand in friendly relations towards us. 15. From Earltown, Conestoga and Muddy Creek, in Pennsylvania, Conrad Schreuber and John Schultz. 16. From Easton, on the Delaware, Greenwich, etc., two delegates. 17. From Macunschy, Heidelberg, Jordan, etc., nobody came on account of the danger from Indians [for a sufficient excuse, because a short time before the Indians had killed several of our members]. 18. From Indianfield, Saccum, and Upper Dublin Frederick Wambold, Melchior Knœple, Valentin Pough and Jacob Timanus. 19. From Upper Milford, Allentown, etc.,

a letter of excuse, on account of fear of attacks by the Indians. 20. From Cohenzey, in Jersey, no one, because I had been there and noted the circumstances. 21. From Conewaga, Manchester and Paradise in Pennsylvania a written application and delegate, Nicolaus Biedinger. 22. From Oley, Whitendahl, etc., an excuse on account of fear of the Indians, and 23, from Winchester, in Virginia, written communications [because they also are in danger of Indian troubles].

III. Letters were read, one concerning Pastor Roth, a testimonial regarding his uprightness in life, and his activity in his duties. Another from the inhabitants of Allentown in Hampton Co., who desired the above-mentioned Mr. Roth as their preacher, but since that time have mostly been put to flight and scattered by the Indians. Further, a written excuse from Mr. Schertlin, on account of his age and danger from the Indians, with the request that we remember him in our prayers. Then a petition from Oley, recently called Stoor, to have preaching every four weeks.

IV. The President requested that the brethren be pleased to report at their convenience, how many children and adults were baptized in the United Congregations, how many had received instruction and were confirmed, and how many members had died. This they promised to do. After the above and other necessary letters had been considered, we returned to the school-house.

The ministers and laborers present this time were: Dr. Wrangel, the Swedish missionary Mr. Heggeblat, Pastor Gerock, of Lancaster; [Mr. Hornell, of Yorktown;] Pastor Kurtz, Sr., of Germantown; [Mr. Hausihl, of Reading;] Pastor Bager, of New York; Pastor Stöver, of Swatara; Deacon Kurtz, from the Nordkiel; Deacon Roth, of Saccum; Indianfield, etc., Pastor Handschuh, and Mühlenberg. Absent ministers: Pastor Borell, of Wilmington; Pastor Wicksel, of Racoon, in Jersey. Missionaries: Pastor Schaum, of Whitendahl; Pastor Weygand, of New York; Pastor Graf, of Hackensack, in Jersey; Pastor Riess, of Rhinebeck; Pastor Bryzelius, of New Germantown, in Jersey; Pastor Fried, of the Blue Mountains.

In the forenoon we discussed whether Deacon Roth could be finally received into the union, and those present from Indianfield and Saccum were questioned as to the sentiment of the congregations, and in the name of the congregation expressed their desire for it. The Ministerium therefore considered it advisable to receive him, under the following conditions: 1. That a necessary admonition be addressed to him beforehand. 2. That it be understood that we retain the right to exclude him for sufficient reasons. The President addressed the admonition to him, and the other members gave their assent and received him

with the right hand, and hearty congratulations. He also prepared a letter for the congregations in Indianfield, Saccum and Upper Milford, gave it to the delegates to take with them, and dismissed them to go home in peace, as they very much desired on account of Indian disturbances. In the meantime, the two ministers of the High Church, Messrs. Peters and Duchee, arrived, whom we welcomed gladly and talked on I Cor. 3: 11, "For other foundation can no man lay," etc., concerning the best way of building on that foundation. [The President asked the English clergymen to give us a sentence for our encouragement. They answered: "Other foundation can no man lay," I Cor. 3: 11.] Mr. Ingliss, of Dover, was also present. All the ministers and delegates present dined in the lower hall of the school-house, where the Church Council of the place very attentively waited upon them. During the meal there was pleasant conversation, and several inspiring stanzas of evangelical hymns were sung. The English gentlemen left with an affectionate farewell, and the Ministerium proceeded to further work.

The delegates from Tulpehocken sadly and earnestly requested that their old preacher, Mr. Kurtz, again return from Germantown, if his congregations were not to be divided and scattered, as they had already begun to be since his absence. The answer was: That we could not desert the Germantown people in their really critical circumstances without great harm and offence. Pastor Kurtz should rather make a trip up there immediately after Synod, visit the congregations and strengthen them with the Means of Grace, and stay with them several weeks; in the meantime, Germantown must be provided for from Philadelphia, until, through God's mercy, help comes from Europe, when Mr. Kurtz, God willing, may return to them for their good. Further advice there was none to give. They received this with saddened countenances and went away perplexed.

Hereupon the delegates from Reading and Easton came before us. The people from Easton insisted that the pastor from Reading, who had accepted their call, must move to Easton before Winter. The President asked whether the change might not be postponed until next Spring, as it was dangerous to travel at that time on account of the Indians, and the vacancy in Reading could not be filled so quickly. But they let it be understood that Reading could more conveniently be visited by the neighboring preachers than Easton, and that their circumstances allowed of no delay. The decision was that the change must take place, God willing, and that in the meantime the Reading congregation, as far as possible, should be visited by the other preachers alternately, until help came from Europe. [This congregation afterwards received Mr. Krug as its regular preacher.]

The Ministerium then went into the lower room of the school-house to discuss several matters more publicly before all the delegates. [A call to the pastorate from the Church Council in Yorktown, for Mr. Hornell, was publicly read. The Ministerium resolved that the call was satisfactory, and little or no objection could be made. It was unanimously approved, signed and given to Mr. Hornell.] The delegates from Earltown and Conestoga presented a letter to the Ministerium, asking for a regular preacher. It was unanimously resolved that the younger Mr. Kurtz accept the call. The delegates thought he was somewhat too young and weak for their congregations, and that it was very necessary that the elder brother have nearer supervision and visit them occasionally from Tulpehocken. This was approved by the Ministerium, and the above call was ordered to be extended to the younger Mr. Kurtz, with this condition, and the elder Mr. Kurtz was advised that, on his intended visit, he should further straighten out matters. Further, several members of the Ministerium asked whether Pastor Stöver might join the union this time? Answer: "Yes, if he desired it, and the Ministerium consented." Pastor Gerock arose and asked Pastor Stöver his opinion, whether he wished to be a member? Answer: "That it was his desire, if the aim of the Ministerium be the honor of God, the propagation of the pure evangelical doctrine, and the up-building of our Church." The President replied that no worldly honor, no material interest, as also no carnal pleasure, but the honor of God and the welfare of our congregations was the basis and aim of our union. Pastor Stöver remarked, while outside of the union he had taught and done as best he knew. The President answered: "If the Most Holy God wished to reckon with the best of his servants concerning their office and condition, not a single thing in a thousand could be answered." When the votes in approbation of his reception were asked for, and Dr. Wrangel was asked first, he answered that he had directions from the most worthy Archbishop to live in harmony with the regular German Ministerium, and that if we found sufficient reason for receiving Pastor Stöver he would not hinder us. The President perceived that it was unanimously approved by all the members of the Ministerium present, and extended to him hand and heart with congratulations, as also did all the others, one and all laying aside old misunderstandings. By this time evening had come. The President had thought that the younger Mr. Kurtz would preach the evening sermon in the church, but, as he had not returned from Germantown, the elder Mr. Kurtz was requested to speak a word of exhortation. About seven o'clock, therefore, we went to church, where we found a large assembly, and Mr. Kurtz preached on I John 3: 23, "And this is his commandment," etc., as

well as the Lord granted and the disturbances of the whole day permitted him. Finally it was announced that to-morrow forenoon, God willing, the public examination of the school children was to be held. After the service, Dr. Wrangel, Pastor Handschuh and three trustees went to Mr. Whitefield, and asked whether he would attend our examination in the church to-morrow forenoon, and address an earnest word to the children? Answer: "Yes, if his strength permitted and it was God's gracious will."

October 18, about ten o'clock in the forenoon we went to the church and took the children along. The following ministers joined us: Messrs. Duchee and Ingliss, of the High Church; President Dr. Finley, of the Jersey Presbyterian High School, Senior Tennent, a Presbyterian preacher from Newark, and finally Mr. Whitefield, and with him a number of English friends, so that the church was filled with English and Germans, and the children were crowded. Mr. Whitefield went into the pulpit, offered a fervent and impressive prayer, then turned to the children and made a simple and easily-understood address about pious children of the Old and New Testaments, and gave some modern examples which had happened in his time. He was deeply moved, and wept, and afterwards also impressed their duty upon the parents. After this the children were catechised, partly by Dr. Wrangel, partly, also, by me in German; but as Mr. Whitefield was very weak physically, and the crowd in the church became too great, we had to stop, and closed with a selection of Church music.

The preachers and other delegates, elders and deacons who yet remained dined in the school-house, where the aged Mr. Tennent presided and refreshed us with edifying discourse. Afterwards the Ministerium again went to its work, taking several elders along.

1. A messenger (Nicolaus Budinger) arrived from the congregations in and about Conowago across the Susquehanna, with letters to the Ministerium, in which request was made for a preacher. But if they could not at present be supplied with one they asked for a certain catechist, C. W., who formerly had held school among them, and had already conducted worship in Winchester, in Virginia, from which place he had come to them on account of Indian disturbances. The Ministerium debated long on this point, and finally resolved that, until further knowledge, the above-mentioned catechist and school-master might labor in the congregations and baptize the children, and, in extreme necessity, give communion to a sick person, and should be under the nearer supervision of the preacher in Yorktown, in connection with which it was advised that instructions be given him,

defining his official duties and relations. Pastor Geroch prepared such instructions, specifying, among other things, also, with the approval of the Ministerium, that he should keep a diary and send it in, as also, at the same time, testimonials of his conduct from Winchester, etc. With this the messenger was dismissed.

2. [In the meantime Apoth. S. entered and handed in a writing of complaint and also a separate writing against Rev. Handschuh and the Church Council of the Philadelphia congregation with the request that the Reverend Ministerium should adjust their quarrel. I answered that this could not be attended to immediately upon their request, because there was much business to be transacted with the delegates of the distant congregations, which must first be finished. He answered that we could call him at any time, and he would come.]

3. The younger Mr. Kurtz being now present, the call from Earltown and Conestoga was delivered to him with due exhortation and wish of blessing, and was accepted by him after it had been approved by the Ministerium in writing. As it was evening we went to church, found the house crowded and listened to an edifying sermon by Mr. Kurtz, Jr., on II Cor. 6: 1: "That ye receive not the grace of God in vain." Afterwards we again went to the school-house to our work.

4. Attention was called (by Mr. Hausihl) to the fact that as the preacher of Reading would move to Easton, an old and important filial congregation in Richmond would become vacant, it was asked whether Pastor Schaum, who lived nearest to it,¹ might not serve this congregation along with his others? The Ministerium voted: Yes, if Pastor Schaum were willing to render the service and the congregation wanted him.

5. The delegate from New York was called in, and a letter of complaint signed by fourteen dissatisfied men was read. Rev. Bager and the delegate objected, saying that among the subscribers and complainants only a few belonged to their congregation, and that their points of complaint were mostly not in accordance with love and truth. But as the complainants were not personally present, no impartial judgment could be given, and it was left to the President to write an answer and send it with these men, viz.: 1. That the point concerning the collectors did not belong to our forum, and as the matter was already given into the hands of four impartial arbitrators, and agreements made by both parties, we could do nothing in the matter. 2. And as to the election of the deacons, in the future it must be conformed to the order of the other United Congregations.

6. Finally, late at night, the written complaint of Apoth. Schu. and

¹About seven miles away.

twelve other subscribers against Mr. Handschuh and the old Church Council was opened and read in the Ministerium, and contained the following points: 1. Mr. Handschuh was accused of blasphemy; 2. The charge was made that Mr. Handschuh and the former elders and deacons [in the congregational strife going on before Mühlenberg came,] had bound themselves together by oaths against the complainants; 3. They desired to know the *summa summarum* of the building of the school-house; 4. And that fixed salaries might be decided upon for the preachers.

As the Ministerium was alone, and no delegates were present, a discussion of the matter in general and in detail was held. 1. Of the so-called blasphemy of Mr. Handschuh. The *status controversiæ* was this: *a*, Mr. Handschuh was said to have met Apoth. Sch. and Peter Müller at a certain time not far from the church, and to have asked Peter Müller, whether he would not soon leave the Moravians and return to the church. Further Mr. Handschuh is to have added: "If God the Lord does not destroy the Moravians, root and branch, in ten years, He is no righteous God! If Jesus Christ does not destroy the Moravians, root and branch, he is no righteous Jesus!" Whereupon P. M. is said to have answered: "Pastor, you set me a bad example." *b*, After it was taken for granted, that the words were so uttered and spoken, and could be verified by witnesses, each member of the Ministerium gave his opinion, whether this were blasphemy; but first Mr. Handschuh was allowed to explain under what circumstances and with what intention he had spoken such words, since it is necessary that *altera pars* be also heard. *c*, Mr. Handschuh said that he had on that day and before, read —'s book on the errors of the Moravians, and especially a congregational address by Count Zinzendorf, by which he was rendered both sad and indignant, and as not only Mr. L. W., but also this P. M——r came within his hearing, these words or similar might well have been uttered by him. The members present decided that, if the intention were considered, it was not indeed blasphemy, yet it was a hasty, thoughtless and sinful way of speaking, for which he must repent before God and pray for forgiveness, and not use it in the future. Rev. Geroock, however, would not express his opinion, though much urged to do so, for reasons that seemed sufficient to him, and therefore requested that Mr. Handschuh retire, which he did; and thereupon Mr. Geroock said, that he did not believe that Mr. Handschuh's intention and meaning were to blaspheme God, but the words nevertheless sounded like blasphemy. Rev. Hausihl suggested that we ought to inquire whether Mr. Handschuh insisted that he had spoken rightly, when he was censured for it, or whether he confessed on having his attention called to it, that

he had spoken unjustly. In making the inquiry it could not be clearly learned whether he were sorry, or considered himself in the right; consequently he was advised by all the members present to recognize his rashness, pray God for forgiveness, and on the morrow, God willing, explain matters to Mr. Schu. in unequivocal words, and again make amends for the scandal that had been occasioned. 2. In reference to the second point, the oath of Mr. Handschuh and the elders and deacons, the Protocol was asked for and brought, in order to examine the formula used. In it the formula stands at the end, viz: "To the above we bind ourselves in His Most Holy Name, as true as God will grant us help and assistance in His time," and then follow the signatures.

[IN HALLE DOC.]

[N. B.—I was frightened by this Protocol record, and wished it were no longer in existence, because I best understood the purpose and contents of it. For the obligation by oath was made on January 12, 1761, when a short time before the so-called dissatisfied parties had ridden over to me at Providence and urged me to come down and help the congregation, so that the obligation was not only against the complaining members, but also against the Provost and myself, as the answer of the Church Council of February 20, 1761, shows more clearly, in which Mr. Handschuh expressly writes: "We have bound ourselves by oath and fraternally to stand by one another." Now, since neither the complaining members, nor the Provost, nor I were at any time heard, and yet judgment passed against the complaining party, and moreover this was recorded in the Church Book as an everlasting memorial, and we on the other hand in the new Church Order had declared Mr. Handschuh and all the elders blameless and honorable, and attested this with our names for future generations to read it; it was very unjust that we and our children should be immortalized in the Church Protocol as condemned rebels. This was *executio sine causæ cognitione*.]

I let the others judge as impartial members after I had made the following remarks, viz.: That it seemed to me that as disturbances and dissatisfactions had arisen in the congregation, the elders and deacons had become afraid, and worried lest finally a division might result among themselves, since they had the example of the Germantown congregation in mind, and that they therefore bound themselves together to stand as one man; further, I said nothing. The members considered the above formula in the Protocol for a while, and finally voted that it was not a formal oath, but was rather a wish.¹ As it was

¹ But Mr. Gerock held his *judicium in suspensio*.

already one o'clock at night and all were very tired, each went to his quarters, Messrs. Gerock and Handschuh speaking together cordially.

Wednesday, October 19, about 9 o'clock A. M., the Reverend Ministerium again met in the school-house, where Mr. Apoth. Sch. presented himself, and soon after Mr. Brechel also joined us. The complaint against Rev. Mr. Handschuh was taken up, and in detail: 1. Concerning the reported blasphemy:

a. Mr. Ap. S. related how the words had been spoken in the presence of himself and P. M.

b. Mr. Handschuh gave his explanation, and told under what circumstances and in what spirit he had spoken the words.

c. The members of the Ministerium present voted, except Rev. Mr. Gerock, who yet preferred to hold his judgment in suspense in this matter. The other members voted, and said that it was a sinful rashness and thoughtless way of speaking, but not an intended blasphemy. Mr. Gerock finally, after much urging, added that the words sounded blasphemously, but he did not believe that it was Mr. Handschuh's intention to blaspheme, but, believed, rather, that he was sorry for the expressions, and would pray God for forgiveness.

d. Mr. Handschuh recognized and confessed that the above-mentioned expressions were unintentionally scandalous and offensive, and asked Mr. Sch. for forgiveness, which was granted, and they were advised to think no more of this matter. When Mr. Ap. S. was hereupon asked whether in the future he would have any conscientious scruples in receiving communion from Mr. Handschuh, he answered that he could not tell that yet, because other points were not yet decided. [He also gave as his opinion that the Ministerium had passed too light a judgment, as though Mr. Handschuh had spoken the words out of weakness and hastily, whereas a certain friend of the so-called Moravians, William Becker, had gone to Mr. Handschuh some time after the affair, and asked him whether he had used such hard expressions, whereupon Mr. Handschuh answered, "Yes, I have, and it is still so."]

2d point. Concerning the formula of the obligation and oath in the Protocol, between Mr. Handschuh, the elders and deacons. The closing words in the Protocol were read, and then each member of the Reverend Ministerium was asked his opinion, whether he considered this an oath or something of that kind. Rev. Mr. Gerock requested to be allowed to keep his judgment in suspense, for reasons known to himself, which he would later reveal. The others members, except Handschuh and Mühlenberg, voted and decided that the formula was more of a wish than an oath. But Mr. Ap. Schu. insisted that it was a union

and obligation by oath. Thereupon the Protocol was again handed to Rev. Gerock, and he was requested to read the formula again. But Rev. Gerock, instead of the last words, read the whole closing paragraph from beginning to end, and Mr. Brechel became exasperated, saying that in the Protocol the dissatisfied persons, together with their children, and children's children, were, on account of matters in which they were not heard, condemned, defamed, and thus recorded in the Protocol as a memorial, and this ought not to remain thus. As the Ministerium saw that it could not proceed further in the matter, and had more necessary matters to occupy its attention, the further consideration of the subject was referred to a special conference of several preachers and the Church Council, as also of the complaining members of the congregation. Then the matter was to be further examined into, and, if possible, brought to an end. This was the decision of the Ministerium. [Mr. Ap. Schu. consented to this, making the request that it might be held soon, and saying that only the old elders were needed there, so that it might be held without much observance.] Mr. Schu. and Mr. Br. were requested to keep the matter as quiet as possible, until it was fully decided. It is to be remarked that Mr. Schu. several times said in the meeting: "Mr. Handschuh, I am not hostile to you; I know your temperament; I don't want you to lose your means of subsistence."

3. After Messrs. Schu. and Br. had left, the Ministerium resolved to prepare a brief statement in which it would notify the honorable Church Council of the special meeting for the further investigation, and recommend it to them. Rev. Gerock prepared such a document, which was also signed by the rest, excepting Mühlenberg and Handschuh.

4. A letter from the congregations in Manchester and Paradise Township, beyond Yorktown, was read, in which the congregation requested: 1. That they might also be under the supervision of the United Ministerium; 2, that help be granted them; and 3, that, as they had a man among them, Schwahrbach by name, who lived an exemplary life, instructed them in the Word of God, and also held instruction for children, they wished that this man be allowed to continue among them, but that Rev. Hornell, of Yorktown, administer the Holy Sacraments to them, and have Mr. Schwahrbach under his nearer supervision. There was a long debate on this, and finally it was decided that Mr. Schwahrbach might read or hold exhortations and catechisations on Sundays and Festival days, and until further knowledge be under the nearer supervision of Rev. Hornell, of Yorktown, as the congregations in any case were to be considered filials of Yorktown.

[5. The President stated that a delegate from Lancaster, Mr. C. S., desired to bring the following before the Ministerium and have it dis-

cussed, viz.: That most of the elders and members of the congregation wished that Rev. G. might exchange with somebody for a while, *a*, because the congregation was involved in the heavy expenses of building a church; *b*, many did not want to give the amount they had promised, alleging that everything was so cold in the congregation, the pastor made no pastoral visits, etc. Rev. G. answered: *a*, if a change was to be made, the congregation must tell him so itself; and *b*, have the permission and the consent of honorable Consistorium of the Dukedom of Württemberg. But as to his not visiting the sick or families, the charge could not be proved, since the sick who needed attention were in no wise neglected. Of an exchange of preachers, Rev. G. had made a proposition several years ago already, whenever circumstances would permit it; and if the Lancaster congregation itself desired a change, he knew a place to which he could go.]

6. Rev. Gerock called attention to the fact that Pastor Schwertfeger, in Frederickstown, Maryland, had as yet no regular call from the congregation, and asked whether he should write one and have the congregation sign it and send it to the Ministerium, and the Ministerium then deliver it to Mr. Schwertfeger? Answer: "Yes." Rev. Gerock was requested to arrange this matter.

7. H. M. resigned his office as President, and requested that some one else be elected, as his circumstances would not permit him to serve any longer. The election was held as usual by votes, and he had to accept it for one year more, but declined to receive congratulations.

8. About four o'clock P.M., Mr. George Whitefield paid a friendly visit to the Ministerium in the school-house, took leave with emotion, and commended himself to our prayers and remembrance before the Throne of Grace.

[9. Mühlberg made the following statement to the Rev. Ministerium. On July 18, 1753, a box was deposited with the late Rev. Brunnholtz in Philadelphia, in which was found an edifying communication of Mr. John Gottlob Bruckholtz, Advocatus Electoralis Saxonico-Lipsiensis et Notarius Publicus Cæsareus, addressed to the United Lutheran Ministerium of that time and in particular to Mühlberg, in which it was announced that in the box there were all sorts of books, with a catalogue, as also eight pieces of Saxon coin for eight preachers, a four groschen and a two groschen piece for school-teachers, and fifty quarter groschen for orphan children, and two plain summer caps, and all were intended *ad pias causas*. Since the noble benefactor's kind apportionment was of such kind, that the gifts mentioned could not be apportioned in all parts as directed, the box remained with the late Rev. Brunnholtz for several years, and good care was taken of it, until he

had written and asked our friends in Europe, what we were to do in the matter. Thereupon answer was finally received, that the United Preachers should divide the gifts as best they knew how. The war times, which came in 1755, and other circumstances in the meantime interrupted our annual synodical meetings, and Mr. Brunnholtz was unwilling to undertake the division of the books alone, and died in 1757, leaving the books, etc., behind undivided. Since then, after his death, Rev. Handschuh succeeded him in Philadelphia, but the renewal of our annual preachers' meeting was yet delayed. I wrote to Rev. Handschuh in the Spring of 1759, sent along the letter of the noble benefactor and requested that he demand the books, etc., of the executors of the late Rev. Brunnholtz's estate, take charge of them, and divide them as best he could according to the directions of our European friends. But I desired to have none of the gifts mentioned. Nothing more concerning the matter was heard until on January 10, 1763, I found opportunity in a congregational council in Philadelphia to inquire after the books and other things, and publicly to read the letter of our noble benefactor, and received the following explanation, viz.:

1. The executor, Mr. Jacob Gräf, Sr., declared that he had exchanged the foreign money at the silversmith's, and received twenty shillings currency for it, and also had retained several pieces, which were at our service as soon as they were asked for.

2. That on February 27, 1759, he had sent the books mentioned, which did not belong to the late Rev. Brunnholtz's estate, to Rev. Handschuh's house, by the Widow Wohlfart and Margaretha Horn, and presumably he had sold the two old summer caps and the two neckties with the other things.

So also the Rev. Handschuh declared in the same congregational council: 1. That the catalogue of the noble benefactor's books was still in existence, and

2. That of the books, he sent some to Rev. Kurtz, Sr., to use, and also had given a goodly part of the devotional German books to needy schoolmasters, and poor fugitives from the Blue Mountains, and still had a part of them in his house.

In order to adjust the matter as far as possible, I took the catalogue of all the books in charge; on February 24, 1763, I had the books yet remaining brought from Rev. Handschuh's to the school-house by our deacons, in the presence of several elders, made a record of them one by one, and while doing this found several belonging to the Church Library, of which I also made a record, and laid them with those in the box. This box, together with the catalogue, has since then been kept in the library, and I now, on this 19th of October, 1763, give it

over to the Rev. Ministerium for their examination and further disposition, with the following conditions and questions:

1. I ask that the letter of the noble benefactor be read aloud. This was done.

2. What shall be done with the twenty shillings? Unanimous answer: It can be given to the poor for their soul's welfare.

3. Shall two books be placed in the Church Library, according to the disposition of the benefactor? Answer: Yes, it is well and right. Accordingly the only folio and a quarto were chosen and added to the library.

4. Since the poor already have their best part, do the remaining books belong to the laborers and servants of Christ? Answer: Yes. Dr. Wrangel, Missionary Heggeblad, Mühlenberg [and Handschuh] refused to have a share in them. Mr. Kurtz already had some, and of these is to give half to Mr. Schaum. As to the others, it was resolved that the rest should be apportioned by lot to the preachers present, and those absent, ten in number. This was satisfactorily done.]

Finally, Dr. Wrangel requested the brethren yet present, that each on his part, as he was able, should furnish some documents referring to the first beginning and progress of the Evangelical German congregations in Pennsylvania for an intended history, which was promised. In the evening we again went to church, where we found the auditorium crowded. Dr. Wrangel discussed the second part of the sermon he had begun on II Cor. 5: 14, "Of the fruits of the constraining love of Jesus in the true servants of Jesus," and dismissed the meeting for this year with a hearty wish of blessing and thanksgiving, and the President closed with prayer. Afterwards we again went to the school-house, where the Church Council rendered its thanks to the Ministerium. The Dr. Provost handed to them the written request of the Ministerium for a meeting of Church Council to keep peace in the congregation. Amen!

P. S.—After almost every annual meeting, I have noticed that a special trial and sorrow have come upon our poor preachers and congregations; I therefore prayed in closing, that the Lord mercifully would grant us poor servants that we have our feet shod and be ready to carry the Gospel of Peace forward. Dark clouds are already gathering, and new rods will be bound of a new kind, which we have not yet tasted! Help us to suffer and to conquer, Jesus, Thou Prince of Life!

SEVENTEENTH CONVENTION.

1764.

The meeting was to have been held in September, in Philadelphia or Germantown [H. N. o. e. 1161. N. E. II. 567.], but no trace of proceedings has been discovered.

EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION.

1765.

No record of date, place or proceedings.

NINETEENTH CONVENTION.

1766.

(JUNE 10-13, TUESDAY—FRIDAY, PHILADELPHIA.)

[MÜHLENBERG JOURNAL. MS. I. 21 p. 73 f. A part of the Protocol].

Tuesday, June 10, 1766, A. M., the delegates of the United Congregations reported, and the pastors, some of whom had arrived yesterday, assembled and held the first conference in the school-house, where, in the morning, were present: 1. Sr. Dr. Wrangel; 2. H. Mühlenberg; 3. Mr. Wilhelm Kurtz, Minister from Earltown; 4. Ludwig Voight, Minister from Newburg and Providence; 5. Joh. Andreas Krug, Minister from Reading; 6. Emanuel Schultz, Minister from Philadelphia; 7. Rev. Bryzelius, Minister from New Germantown, in Jersey; 8. Catechist Johannes Schwarbach, from Culpepper County, in Virginia.

After prayer, two letters from deacons and members of congregations in Virginia, dated Culpepper, December 20, 1765, were read. Further, two letters from Augusta County, in Virginia, on Fort Run, dated February 9, and May 17, 1766, in which the forsaken condition of those adhering to our German Evangelical faith is touchingly presented, and the Rev. Ministerium is supplicated for aid in general, and a particular request is made, that it examine and ordain their Cathechist, Mr. Johannes Schwarbach, whom they have sent hither, a distance of 300 miles, because their children not being baptized are growing into heathenism, and the older persons, when they die, because of the absence of any ordained preacher, must depart without the Lord's Supper, and thus be without this refreshment of the soul even on their death beds. Since the said Mr. Schwarbach is a man 45 years of age, capable of an honorable profession, and has already for some years served the forsaken adherents of the German faith on the frontier of Pennsylvania, with reading, instruction of children, and an edifying walk and conversation, according to the measure of grace and gifts given by God, and has now for some time been doing the same in the wilds of Virginia, and has exerted himself to seek out the old and the children, and to edify them with catechetical instruction, they petition that, for the sake of Christ and the welfare of souls, a United Evangelical Ministerium may take

pity upon them, examine said man, and if they find in him moderate ability, grant him authority to administer Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper, until the Lord of the harvest send faithful and regular laborers into his harvest, and that said Schwarbach then apply himself to the children alone, and feed them as the lambs. The members of the Ministerium present, moved by the elders, inquired strictly into the moral character of the man, and found on all sides good testimonials of his Christian life, and unanimously resolved to examine him. The examination was upon the following articles: 1. Of the divine guidance in respect to his own soul, viz: in the course of his life; 2. Where he was converted? what induced him to hold instruction for children and to preach? why he did not like other vagabond preachers also administer the Sacraments? 3. Of the universal redemption of all the children of Adam through Christ, the Saviour of the world; 4. What he thinks of repentance, and how man became repentant? how the preacher has to remove the obstacles in the way to repentance? 5. What it means to believe on Christ, and what is required for saving faith? 6. What are unmistakable signs of true conversion, of repentance and of faith? 7. How he conducted himself in visiting the sick, especially when he had not previously known the sick persons? How careful a teacher must be that conversion do not arise or be attempted from a servile fear of punishment, but from love to God in Christ? 8. How things went with him in the many journeys hither and thither in the wilderness by day and by night, whether he watched over his own soul and prayed? How he felt in considering the importance of his office, whether he walks in humility before God? 9. What he held of the Baptism of children and the Lord's Supper? 10. How he refuted the doctrine of absolute predestination.

[The date as given by Dr. Mann, H. N., n. e. 264, is that of the laying of the foundation stone of Zion's Church, May 16, which was followed by the laying of the corner-stone and the meeting of the Ministerium, June 11, cf. H. N., o. e. 1246, n. e. 623].

TWENTIETH CONVENTION.

1767.

(Dr. Mann places the meeting in July, but the reference to H. N., o. e. 1331, does not establish this, and Mühlenberg's diary contains nothing, so far as known.)

TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

1768.

(NOVEMBER 6, NEW HANOVER.)

[MÜHLENBERG'S DIARY, 1768-1769. MS. pp. 16, ff.]

Memoranda: In September, 1768, received the following:

Honorable President and Members of the Ministerium Reverendum of the United Evangelical Lutheran Congregations in Pennsylvania, etc.:

The building of a new church, begun by the congregation at New Hanover, in the Name and in reliance upon the assistance of Him who can do more than we ask and understand, has, through the strength of the Omnipotent, been accompanied with such desired progress that we will soon see its completion. Hallelujah!

Our earnest wish now is, in the day of His victory, to sacrifice, in the beauties of holiness, to the Prince of our Salvation, made perfect through suffering and death [cf. Ps. 110 : 3, Heb. 2 : 10], and also through the power of God to have our souls prepared that we, when we are assured of the promises, and glorified, may sing the new song of Moses.

For the accomplishing of so exceedingly important a purpose, we extend our most obedient request to the Reverend Ministerium, to consecrate our newly built church to the service of Immanuel by prayer, intercession and thanksgiving, and to bring into it, by the proclamation of the saving doctrine of Jesus Christ, glowing coal to enkindle a fire that may burn with fervor and blessed devotion, in our hearts, as well as in the hearts of our posterity.

Our unanimous wish is that this be done on the XXIII Sunday after Trinity, which will be November 6, of the present year. Not only the diligent keeping of unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, but also the celebration of so solemn an act, permits us to hope that the Reverend Ministerium will not refuse to grant our request, but honor us the more with the presence of some members of its respective congregations, whom, as our brethren in the faith, we hereby kindly invite.

With readiness and the offering of all possible love in return, we, who sign this, remain, Honorable Præses and members of the Reverend Ministerium,

Your most obedient,

LEWIS VOIGT.

NEW HANOVER, September 10, 1768.

MICHAEL WEYGEL, ADAM WARTMAN, GEORGE BURKARD, GEORGE BECK, ADAM KURTZ, LUDWIG BICKEL, MOSES BINDER, VALENTIN STIGLER, CASIMIR MISEMER, JACOB EPPELE, MICHAEL SCHANECKER, JUN., GEORG SCHWEIGHARD, JACOB KOP, CONRAD GILBERT, JOHANNES SCHWEIGHARD.

To be published to the Reverend Ministerium of the United Evangelical Lutheran congregations in Pennsylvania.

Honorable Senior: Besides the friendly request which the entire congregation has sent to the Reverend Ministerium, I venture earnestly and in God's Name, to request the consecration of the new church at this place at the appointed time. Various circumstances render it highly necessary. You will occasion general rejoicing if you will be pleased to make known to the honored members of the Ministerium, through a circular, the enclosed memorial; as also to send to the congregation at New Hanover a speedy, gracious reply, whether their desires shall be fulfilled or not. If you please to honor me, and, upon your arrival, which is right longingly awaited by all, stop in the recently purchased parsonage, it will be an exceptional pleasure to me to seek to entertain you as far as my poverty permits.

With a hearty greeting to your entire family, I remain, Honorable Senior, your, among the poor, poorest servant,

LEWIS VOIGT.

NEW HANOVER, September 12, 1768.

Upon the above request, I sent a circular to the most accessible brethren in Pennsylvania, with the following motives and inducements: *a*, that at the same time a general conference be held, and, *b*, I hoped that if the new laborers, Messrs. Helmuth and Schmidt, would, under God's guidance, arrive, I could bring them along and introduce them to the united laborers.

November 4. Friday morning about 11 o'clock, I rode out of Philadelphia in company with Mr. Heinrich Keppele, Jun., Mr. Zansinger and the candidate recommended by Dr. Wachsel, Mr. Jung; but because of the shortness of the days we could get no further than twenty miles; namely, seven miles this side of Providence.

November 5. Saturday we started early, and, with God's assistance, reached New Hanover at 12 o'clock noon, found P. Voigt well, and conferring with the deacons in the parsonage. Towards evening, the beloved brethren Messrs. Kurtz, Senior and Junior, Krug, Schaum and Stöver and Van Buskerk also arrived, and various delegates from

supplied and vacant congregations, under which circumstances I pitied Brother Voigt, because from my own experience, I felt how distressed one is when there are so many friends about him, and he wishes to receive them all and singly, entertain them pleasantly, and put them at their ease. In the evening the preachers sat down together to prepare a program for to-morrow, D. V., for the external arrangements in the consecration, because nothing had been agreed upon, and each had depended upon the other. About mid-night we finished and were tired, and lodged in the parsonage, after we had cheered ourselves with edifying conversation and prayer.

Nov. 6. The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity, in the forenoon towards ten o'clock, the weather being pleasant for the time of year, a great mass of people from near and far assembled around the new church, and the preachers and delegates of the United Congregations went in procession from the parsonage to the school-house, a distance of about two stone-throws. About ten o'clock one of the builders and the school-master went ahead with the key; they were followed by four deacons with the sacred vessels. Then came the preachers, the elders of the Hanover and Providence congregations, the delegates from the congregations in Philadelphia, Germantown, Lancaster, Reading, Tulpehocken, Richmond, Whitendhal, Earltown, Warwick, Macunshy, Upper Milford, Saccum, Jordan, Heidelberg, Peikstown, etc.

The crowd was so great that several thousand may have stood in the church, and half as many around it. The preachers stepped within the railing about the altar, and the delegates formed a semicircle outside of the altar.

1. Sen. Mb. [Mühlenberg] opened the service with the 100th Psalm.
2. The preachers and the choir sang, "*Komm heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, erfüll mit,*" etc.
3. Sen. M[ühlenberg] gave a motto for the entire house, Luke 10 : 5, 6.
4. Mr. K[urtz], S[enior] . . . for the Ministerial Office
5. Mr. St[oever] for Holy Baptism.
6. Mr. K[urtz], Jun. for the Lord's Supper.
7. Mr. Sch[au]m for Confession and Absolution.
8. Mr. Kr[ug] for Catechisation (Kinderlehre).
9. Mr. V[oigt] for the spread and growth of the Gospel.
10. Mr. J[ung] for our King and all in authority.
11. Mr. B[uskerk] for our Honorable Fathers, Benefactors
and Friends in Europe.
12. Mr. K[u]h[n].
13. Mr. Str[eit].

a. After the giving of the mottoes, Pastor V[oigt] read a declaration, stating for what purpose and use the church was to be built and dedicated.

b. Then the entire assembly sang: "*Sey Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut.*"

c. Rev. Mr. Kr[ug] baptized children.

d. Sen. Mr. M[ühlenberg] preached the consecration sermon; as an introduction, explaining the proper use of consecration, how God had approved it in the case of Solomon's Temple (I Kings 9: 3) and what Solomon, among others, prayed for, and how he was heard. Text, I Kings 8: 37 to 39, compared with II Chron 7: 12 to 14. Theme: "A divinely-approved means to rescue and save from destruction a sinful people and land."

1. *The causes from which general judgments and land-destroying plagues arise.* (Gemeine Gerichte u. Land-verderbl. Plagen).

2. *The approved means for rescuing and saving.*

Shortly after 12 o'clock the sermon was ended. And as among those present there were also many honored English people, it was approved that the two students, Messrs. Streit and Kuhn, each make a brief address in English. Mr. Streit spoke briefly, edifyingly and concisely on Exod. 20: 24: "In all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee," and Mr. Kuhn forcibly described the origin and use of consecration, and both pleased the English hearers.

About 1 o'clock in the afternoon all was completed. Rev. Mr. V[oigt] dismissed the assembly with the benediction, invited the preachers and delegates to the parsonage for a mouthful of food, announced that in the afternoon, after 2 o'clock, there would again be service, and to-morrow morning the synodical sermon would be preached. As the people were going out the deacons lifted a collection at the church doors, amounting to nearly £60.

In the afternoon preachers and delegates again went to church, sang, "*Sieh! hier bin ich Ehren König,*" etc., and Rev. Mr. K[urt]z, Senior, preached a well-prepared, edifying and concise sermon on Matt. 21: 12, 13: "And Jesus went into the temple of God . . . a den of thieves."

In the evening we had many visitors in the parsonage, but gained a little time towards midnight for a private conference among ourselves, considered the circumstances of the congregations and prepared resolutions in order that we might not detain the delegates too long on the following day. The President laid before his brethren, first of all, all the letters concerning congregational matters, which he had received since

the last Synod, and had preserved for communication, of which I can give only a few, because of their number and the shortness of the time.

I. In a district situated between North East and North West from Philadelphia towards the Blue Mountains, Macunshy, Saccona, Heidelberg, etc., are several vacant congregations, which, after the death of Rev. Mr. Schertlin, were torn and tormented by godless, scandalously living so-called preachers. Well-meaning families still live there, who formerly made use of the means of grace in our old congregations, and would like to see things in good condition, and among others a well-meaning Evangelical Justice of the Peace, who has put himself to much trouble to get a regular pastor there, whose letter reads thus :

MACUNSHY, November 4, 1768.

TO THE REV. HENRY M——.

Beloved Cousin (Vetter):—I had intended to come to the meeting myself in order to plead further for a God-fearing and faithful pastor, but have been prevented by important business. The deacons from the congregations at Macunshy, Upper Milford, Upper Saccona and Saltzburg were all with me yesterday and mutually united themselves to petition the honorable *coetus* for a preacher, wished also that I prepare a call, and in it fix £150 curr., without funeral and wedding perquisites, with the hope that the salary would in one or two years be increased by country produce and other necessities. But as I am a poor writer and do not know how a call must be prepared, I thought perhaps one of the educated might do it, and the delegates might subscribe it at the *coetus*. But the mind and trust of the above-mentioned four congregations is fixed upon Vetter Mühlenberg, or on Rev. Mr. Kurtz, in Tulpehocken, who last week preached for us with spirit and power, and caused a regular revival [Erweckung] among the people, so that I believe, that, if it were God's will, that we get Mr. Kurtz as our pastor, many souls would yet be saved, and be brought to our faithful Redeemer, Jesus Christ, as a bride, in return for his sorrows and pains. I therefore earnestly and humbly beg my cousin, as a chief laborer in the Lord's vineyard, that he assist us in the honorable *coetus*, to see whether it is possible to persuade Rev. Mr. Kurtz to leave Tulpehocken and to come to us. The Good Shepherd left the ninety-nine sheep which obeyed his voice, in the desert, and went after the lost one to seek it. Here are more than one, yes, more than two or three hundred, who have no shepherd and cry for help, who hunger and thirst after the pure Word of God. I think, a true servant of Jesus could not well refuse. Tulpehocken could be supplied with another faithful preacher. Rev. Mr. Kurtz would be necessary at this time in our district, because of

the many sects and separatists, and because of the godless vagabonds (*Land-Läufer*), who represent themselves as preachers. He has now preached to the Tulpehocken people a long time and brought them into good Christian order; it is highly necessary that fortune fall to us also. With the salary he shall certainly be satisfied: we will give what Tulpehocken also gives. My dear cousin, a new or young man will not help us, we greatly need an old experienced minister for ourselves and our children, else our good Christian religion will be entirely ruined in our region. I therefore beg my dear cousin for God's sake to help us and to be our intercessor with God and the honorable *coetus*, that we may this time receive a faithful and experienced minister. What I promised in my former writing, I will faithfully fulfill. The dear merciful Friend of men, Jesus Christ, will richly reward my cousin, and the teacher and pastor who will care for us, here in time and yet more in eternity. I greet my much beloved cousin, as also Rev. Mr. Kurtz, especially my cousin, Peter Mühlenberg, most heartily, and remain your sincere friend.

P. S.—Further arrangements concerning the dwelling of a pastor among us, the delegated elders and deacons of the four congregations I will make orally with my cousin.

After this letter and the oral petition of the delegates was considered, Mr. Kurtz, Sr., was earnestly asked, whether he could and would accept a call to that place, with the addition that perhaps one of the two expected new laborers would suit for his congregation in Tulpehocken. He, however, entirely refused for good reasons, and showed how in his circumstances it was impossible, etc. No other decision could be given, but that we visit the congregation now and then alternately, and see how God the Lord will show the way for their salvation.

II. We deliberated as to what answer could be sent through their delegates to the four or five small congregations beyond Lancaster. Since the candidate recommended to this Ministerium by Dr. Wachsel is present and without a call, the two preachers who live nearest were asked, whether one or the other would take him into his house, and under supervision let him serve the congregations from his house, since it is advisable neither for the congregations nor for a young beginner to act alone without supervision. They both, however, responded, that they had enough to do with their own families, and could undertake no more, etc. No wonder that at the time of the Interim [1548] some of the faint-hearted pastor's wives said: "Man, write! write! that you may stay in the parsonage!" (Mann, schreibt! schreibt! dass Ihr bey der Pfarre bleibt!) In Philadelphia it is done more easily, because

there wood, bread, milk and water must be bought for money, and in the country can be had for nothing. Finally it was resolved, that Rev. Mr. St[oever] who lives nearest should first visit the congregations and investigate whether they could and would raise a sufficient salary. Then if it be sufficient the candidate might live with him, and serve the congregation from there. This motion did not appear unjust, since the people always cry and lament for preachers, but soon forget that they also require food, clothing and horses to travel with. It often happens here as the proverb says: "One father can easily support ten children, but ten children scarcely one father." If preachers have the mind of Christ and the gifts of Paul, they get along well in this *ecclesia colligenda*; but if that is wanting, they must help themselves with all kinds of maxims *per fas et nefas*, and sing his song, whose bread they wish to eat.

III. Five or six letters from small congregations, some on the frontier of Pennsylvania, some in Maryland, were considered, in which they request that the Ministerium receive into their union their catechist [Wildbahn] and the congregations, and ordain him. The said catechist came to America about thirteen years ago with the soldiers (Kriegsvolke), says he was born in Saxony, writes a neat hand, can sing excellently, since he was perhaps a chorister, understands some Latin, can read Greek, has a special gift in catechisation, and is extraordinarily eloquent; freed himself from the military order, because, as he said, he was ruptured, worked for a while in the printing office at Philadelphia in the times of the late Rev. Handschuh, with whom he became intimate as a fellow-countryman, and went beyond the Susquehanna, with the English and German Charity School, which was founded at that time. After the free schools stopped, he went farther inland, taught German school, read sermons on Sunday, and catechised the youth, was called still further to a district of Virginia to German inhabitants in the town of Winchester, where he preached on Sunday, also in cases of necessity baptized children, because for a long distance about there they had no ordained German preacher, and did not wish to join the English Church; although they must, according to the laws of that country, annually pay their tribute to the English preacher of the Established Church. When in the year 1762 a Synodical Meeting was held in Philadelphia, and the members of the Rev. Ministerium, as well as the delegates of the United Congregations, were already separated and on their journey home, the said catechist, W —, arrived with two delegates from Virginia, and they brought petitions from their congregations, and also a recommendation from the English magistrate, in which the said catechist was highly commended as to doctrine, life and conversation, and the Ministerium most urgently petitioned to

examine and ordain him. Since then my brethren had placed the office of President on me, and I had to act in accordance with my office; I named as a committee as many of the Rev. Ministerium as were present, namely,—Dr. Wrangel, Rev. Mr. Handschuh and Rev. Mr. Hartwig, and having laid the documents before them, asked their opinion. Said brethren duly considered the matter, examined the catechist and gave their opinion in writing, to wit, that he passed his examination satisfactorily, and that I as President might give him authority to perform ministerial acts in the said congregations, *usque ad ultio rem probationem*. I gave him a written certificate in English, according to the directions received, and dismissed him and the delegates with hearty admonitions. Since these new congregations were received into our fellowship, our congregations, which are themselves still poor, had this gain, that they must contribute to the building of these churches. But scarcely a year elapsed until the savages attacked the districts about Winchester, murdering and burning, and the said catechist left the district, and moved with his small family to the border of Pennsylvania, to Conewago, there accepted congregations, and preached and catechised in them. When a Synodical Convention was again held in Philadelphia, there came a delegate and brought letters from the congregations, in which they asked whether their preacher might also administer the sacraments to them? Since just at that time the unfortunate Swedish preacher H[ornell] was called and sent to Yorktown, beyond the Susquehanna, the Ministerium resolved that the catechist be under the supervision of the preacher in Yorktown, and might, in cases of necessity, baptize children, preach and catechise. The communion, however, was to be administered at stated times by the ordained preacher from Yorktown. But, alas! it was not long before the verdict concerning the Swedish-German preacher was reported by the Honorable Consistorium in Sweden, and he was excluded from our Ministerium, and the catechist again was left alone. Then, from year to year, there came from one congregation two kinds of petitions to the President. Some elders and deacons, and also members of the congregations longingly asked for the further examination and ordination of the catechist; others asked that it be not granted. The catechist also, in his letters, asked that the Rev. Ministerium should only demand it, and he would defend himself against accusers. But it was not expedient, because we do not like to put ourselves between parties. The complainants brought many things against him, mostly concerning his former life; now he was said to have said that he had stabbed a man, now to have spoken disparagingly of religion, etc., and when his friends asked people who were said to have said it, they would not confess it, etc. Since the congregations of the catechist had

no ordained preacher of the Ministerium nearer than in Lancaster, and to bring him so far to administer Communion would cause much trouble, difficulty and expense on the part of the minister and of the congregations, and they had several preachers in their neighborhood, *e. g.*, Messrs. Rauss, Kirchner, etc., who were not united with the Ministerium, and yet administered the sacraments, and the Swedish-German *Ordinarius* in Yorktown made such a poor impression, it followed quite naturally that the friends of the catechist were tempted to consider whether it were better for them to stand by themselves, without union with the Ministerium or under its care? Since other congregations near them had preachers and the liberty to practice and enjoy ministerial acts without asking the Ministerium, why might not they also, especially since their catechist led an honorable sober life and had ability to catechise their children, and to preach to edification as well as, if not better, than some in and out of the United Ministerium, etc.? How soon under such circumstances a miniature Sheba is found who blows the trumpet, II. Sam. 20 : 1, 2! The catechist W[ildbahn], however, always cherished an inclination to belong to the United Ministerium, and preferred to conduct his office in due order, if only there had been a regular, exemplary member of the Ministerium in Yorktown. The congregation in Yorktown put itself to enough trouble to get Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., but could not succeed. Finally it called Rev. Mr. Bager back from New York, who formerly served the congregations of the catechist in Conewago, where he also still owns a piece of ground. Rev. Mr. Bager was formerly a good friend and well-wisher of the catechist, but when he came to be stationed in Yorktown, and also cherished an old love for his congregation in Conewago, where his farm is, suspicions against the catechist continually grew, because of the latter's non-ordination. Pastor Bager, therefore, took those main congregations into his charge as filials of Yorktown, until he finally moved with his family from Yorktown to his home, and from there served his Yorktown congregation as a filial, and so there remained to the catechist several small congregations in the neighborhood, until gradually one, two, three, four, five forsaken congregations farther up, toward the borders of Pennsylvania and in Maryland, asked for his services. These congregations he has for a time already served from his residence. The said congregations, viz.: *a.* Codorus; *b.* Pipe Creek; *c.* Thomas Creek; *d.* Sharpsburg; and *e.* Conecocheague, have therefore applied to the President by petitions signed by their names, requesting that their preacher be ordained and received into the union. The undersigned ascribed to the catechist a good character, sound doctrine, Christian conversation and unwearied zeal in his duties, etc.

After the letters were read, the question was what advice to give?

a. Contra: 1. The congregations are very distant; the preacher may go astray in doctrine and life, and this afterwards be a burden upon and be laid to the charge of the Ministerium.

2. He can show no testimonials from Germany; and of his former life as a soldier many stories are known; as also some indiscretions since he has been in his present office.

3. Lay hands suddenly on no man. I Tim. 5: 22.

4. People can write the best of testimonials one year and sign their names, and do the opposite at some future time, etc.

b. Pro: 1. *a posse ad esse non valet consequentia.* The near congregations and teachers may also go astray, if they are not watchful, and the enemy sows weeds among the good seed, etc.; to whose charge will this be laid?

2. He has long since offered, if the Ministerium desired it, to have investigations made concerning his antecedents and conduct in Saxony. And what can testimonials really accomplish? Ezek. 18: 21-25.

3. Hands have not yet been laid upon him, and we have had plenty of time to become acquainted with him. That as a matter of necessity and at the urgent request of some congregations which were in great need, after due examination, a certificate was given him *usque ad ulliorem probationem*, cannot be regarded a too sudden laying on of hands, but must be maturely judged in view of all the circumstances. A judge cannot well give a judgment, if he have not investigated the conduct of both parties, *minima circumstantia interdum variat rem, et si duo mala concurrunt minus eligendum esse puto*. [The smallest circumstance sometimes alters the case; and if we be confronted by two evils, the smaller, I think, should be chosen.]

4. People not only in this American environment, but also in all other parts of the world are variable. The poor German Lutherans scattered in the American wilderness wish in part to retain and propagate their Evangelical religion. The few who still have some life and feeling cry for help. If we cannot help them in accordance with our regular order, we are yet in duty bound for the love of Christ and of our neighbor to imitate the Samaritan, Luke 10, without scholastic distinctions of Priests and Levites; if we do not, with whom does the responsibility rest? Shall one wait until the cow is dead, and then repair the stable? Whoever can, let him provide regular Christian pastors, furnished with testimonials, and good as their testimonials, send them thither and let them seek, gather and feed the lambs and sheep which are lost in the desert! But if there be a great scarcity of such servants in all parts of the world, let us not bind the hands and feet of the poor struggling souls

to hasten their destruction, but extend to them assistance as best we can, so that they can take hold of something. John thought he had done something wonderful, Mark 9, Luke 9, Matth. 18, when he says: "Master, we saw one casting out devils in Thy name, and we forbade him, because he followeth not us." V. 39 [Mark 9.] "Jesus said, Forbid him not, etc. Collat. Matth. 18: 1 seqq. "Verily, verily, whoso shall offend one of these little ones," etc.

5. If such remote congregations and their comparatively able and willing laborers live in friendship and so-called union with us, we at least have opportunity to hear from them, and occasionally to see their laborers with their delegates. We endeavor to exhort and encourage them, and to give them counsel in cases of conscience, and gratify them now and then with an edifying book or letter. If we reject them entirely, and refuse their petition, they will live on by themselves, make use of *jus episcopale* and *patronatus*, call themselves Lutherans none the less, slander our religion so much more boldly before other brethren in the faith, or even fall into heathendom or utter unbelief, and thus bring all the more reproach upon what is yet called Evangelical.

6. After much further discussion it was finally voted and resolved, that the President again continue the certificate, and limit it to those congregations which had so earnestly and unanimously requested it.

IV. A letter from Lüneberg in Nova Scotia, signed by several Germans, was read—as follows:

Noble, Learned and Honorable Sir, Inspector and Pastor:

We beg your honor not to be offended that we all make known to you our heart-felt desire, since we know no help or counsel anywhere, except first with God, and with you as the steward of God. There can be no greater ruin than here in our Evangelical Lutheran congregation, seeing that we have been in this formerly barren land a long time, fifteen to sixteen years already, strange both in language, and in customs and laws; we, therefore, again pray you that you show a true pastoral interest in us and inform us whether an Evangelical Lutheran preacher cannot be found in your country who may suit this place, and, with all faithfulness, may tend us, because we have found that the word of the Lord has been fulfilled in us, which He speaks through His Prophet: "I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of the hearing of the words of the Lord" [Amos 8: 11], which grievously pains us, when we remember our home and Fatherland, so that we must indeed feel what it is to forsake the Lord our God! Our youth are already, in part, of the second generation, and none are confirmed. They grow like wild grapes; we, therefore,

again pray you that you may take to heart this sorrowful condition for the sake of our faithful Shepherd, Jesus Christ, to Whom we also pray for this, in the hope that as He has never yet left any of His sheep to perish, He will not begin with us. We also live in hope that you will not despise our sighs and petition, and let us know how and in what way we may obtain our desire. And, although our Evangelical congregations number nearly one hundred and fifty or more families, it is yet impossible to tell you of the great destitution. But how shall they believe on Him of whom they do not know? And how shall they know if it be not preached unto them? We commend your heart to Him, the God unknown to most men, that He may rule it to His honor and for the best of our and His congregations, but still remain your most obedient congregations, entrusted to you from afar.

LÜNEBURG, IN THE PROVINCE NOVA SCOTIA, June 27, 1768.

We added what we had learned concerning Lüneburg through other written and oral reports, viz.:

1. The German colony at that place consists of families of Evangelical and Reformed extraction. The people have been of some expense to the government on account of passage and cultivation of the land, and do not enjoy as great religious freedom as in Pennsylvania. The Germans have for many years longed for a German preacher, and now and then have accepted some lost Levite and let him preach, of whom, however, they had afterwards to be ashamed, because of his scandalous life. The worthy Society in England, *De propaganda fide*, has expended sufficient care, zeal and money, and supported English Episcopal missionaries there, several of whom tried hard to learn High German, and succeeded so far that they could read the acts of baptism and marriage; English schools are also kept to perfect the German youth in English. But the Germans could never be entirely satisfied, begged our Ministerium for a preacher, and also applied to some Ministeriums and individual theologians of our mother church in Europe. But no results followed. Finally, their desire for a German pastor also reached the honorable Prelates, His Eminence, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Bishop of London, which Highly Respected Sirs, with special gracious condescension wrote to the Rev. Commissarius of the Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, and requested that he call a Lutheran candidate or preacher of our United Ministerium who understood English and German, and send him to London for ordination. When the matter became known, several of the orthodox preachers who had not studied in Halle, but at unsuspected places, offered themselves to the Commissarius, but obtained no audience. Afterwards it came to be the turn

of an aged Swedish-German [Bryzelius], who also for many years preached English and German, had a large family of children, little to live upon, and the desire to see the cause of Christ advanced. He brought to the *Commissarius* various respectable recommendations from eminent English magistrates in places where he had been stationed, was also examined by him, had to preach in English before him, and travel to England with recommendations. In the Spring of 1767, he again returned in safety, traveled first to his station in Lüneburg, was received with great joy because he preached German, celebrated the Holy Communion about Pentecost according to the Liturgy used in the German Lutheran Court Chapel at St. James's, came from there here for his family, and spent the summer partly in Jersey, partly in Philadelphia, preaching several times for the *Commissarius*, and pleasing him very much. Shortly before winter, he took passage with his entire family, was almost sunk in a storm, but was saved. He safely arrived among his congregation, and made it his first work to instruct the young people, and prepare them for confirmation; since the Honorable Prelates, as he said, had *sub rosa* permitted him to use the Liturgy of the German Court Chapel, and also to confirm. But it is said, according to oral reports, that when he assumed his office he introduced the Liturgy of the Established Church in a German translation, and read it several times, according to the Order of the Morning and Evening Service, "*Unser Vater*," while, on the contrary, in the Liturgy of the Court Chapel the words are always "*Vater Unser*." Because, at his first visit, he prayed "*Vater Unser*," and the service was read more quickly, every thing was quiet and the people were satisfied. But when he afterwards prayed "*Unser Vater*" and the service lasted so as to be tedious, some half-educated persons of both parties put their heads together, criticised him, and concluded he was neither a genuine Lutheran nor a genuine Reformed preacher. He might indeed have been independent, with respect to their criticisms on both sides, since he had a large fixed salary, and the Government on his side, which had given each of his children one thousand acres of good land as a possession, and he was not dependent upon the gifts of his members. But what if one have not an open door to the hearts of men? Caiaphas thought it were better that one man perish and only the people be saved. I Corinth. 9: 19-23 is noteworthy. The men who sent the above letter, and some more of the German Lutherans, as also Reformed, have, as we hear, separated themselves from the Established Church and hold their service, with singing, prayer and reading, in a large house. There was formerly only one church which English, French and Germans attended. But now there is already a Presby-

terian congregation and preacher, and the Germans will hardly rest until they also have orthodox Lutheran and Reformed preachers, especially if the former get some property, so that they can support pastors. For the Act of Tolerance gives the Dissenters equal liberty.

What then can this Ministerium advise or help? The English Church is to be pitied. It has means and materials for the building of the Kingdom of God, but is without faithful laborers! which is the complaint everywhere.

V. Concerning the Evangelical congregation at Fredericktown, in Maryland, a written communication was also submitted, to wit, because Rev. Mr. Schwertfeger, who for some years was stationed there as preacher, had, on account of various troubles, preached his farewell sermon, and undertaken a journey to Germany, and therefore there is a vacancy; they desired Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., or some other suitable man, for their pastor. But as there are no gifted preachers on hand suited to the circumstances, no counsel or decision could be given; and as a separate letter was written from there to Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., it was left to him to answer it as he thought best.

VI. A proof of a proposed Church Order for St. George's Church, in London, prepared by the Reverend Consistorium of the said church and congregation and sent over by Dr. Wachsel, was communicated to the respective members of the Rev. Ministerium. They all testified that it was a thorough and well condensed document, and heartily wished that the entire Mother Church in Europe, and all its parts might dwell together in love, unity and harmony, so that the precious ointment of our One High Priest might freely run down from the Head upon all members, yea, even upon the lowest seams of the garments, and be a sweet savor before God, angels and men! Ps. 133. If the dear Mother in Europe set a good example, the obedient filials or daughters at the extreme ends of the earth are bound and also willing to imitate the good or better fashion of their Mother.

VII. A written and oral request from Rev. Mr. Weygand, of New York, for an assistant, came up for discussion. Mr. Weygand complains that he has *febrim tentam*, can no longer preach, and would like to have the two students born in this country, and instructed in liberal studies, and graduated, who had had some instruction in theology from Dr. Wrangel, as his assistants. His congregation is small, only because some of his members have gone over to the other German Lutheran church, where Rev. Mr. Geroch is now stationed, and although his salary has been collected up to the present with extreme difficulty, it hardly suffices to support himself and his beloved family, not to say anything of giving anything to an assistant. But the congregation is willing to provide board for an

assistant. Therefore he wished to take Esq. Kuhn's son, because the father can assist and give the son clothing, etc. The son should then help to preach and catechise in German and English. Since the father was present as delegate from Lancaster, and the matter was discussed, he approved the proposition, in the hope that his son might receive further instruction in theoretical and practical theology from Rev. Mr. Weygand, if he would not succumb to the hectic fever.

VIII. A letter sent from Reading signed by eight persons was read, in which they ask whether an exchange could not be effected between Rev. Mr. Krug and a near relative of the President (*i. e.*, Rev. Mr. Schultz)? The said eight persons had sent a delegate at their own expense, who would report all the details orally. The Church Council of the said United Congregation in Reading, with its means, also had sent two delegates. The latter had no complaint to make, but testified that Rev. Mr. Krug performed his duty towards the aged and children properly and faithfully according to the grace and gifts granted him and that they thank God for his grace. And when the other delegate desired an answer to the said letter and his oral question, the President replied as follows: "If the Church Council and all the members desired the change, it would be made, namely, because there are sufficient vacant congregations, and the laborers are so few; Mr. Krug might be taken from them, and they might seek and burden themselves with teachers of the kind for which their ears itched," etc.

IX. The President communicated two letters from United Congregations in Virginia; *a*, from the catechist ordained there, *b*, from the deacons, of which the following is the substance:

a. As last year, I took the liberty to send to you the report of one part of my work and now again have the opportunity to inform myself as to your welfare I would have come to Pennsylvania myself, but was prevented by the accumulation of work, as well as by my ignorance of when the Rev. Consistorium would meet—If in your reply I might learn for what time a synodical meeting is appointed next year, I would, D. V., pay my respects to you, and be advised concerning various matters. I am overburdened with work, but under God's assistance I let nothing discourage me. In six months I have instructed and confirmed young people in seven different congregations at considerable distance from each other. From this you can conclude as to the rest. I hope that the all-ruling God may for Christ's sake shed His gracious blessing upon my labors! Hearty remembrance to the Honorable Consistorium, especially to Dr. Wrangel and Rev. Mr. Schultz.

I remain your obedient servant,

JOHANNES SCHWARBACH.

CULPEPPER, September 2, 1768.

6. The efforts of Mr. Schwarbach, being not without fruit, please us very much, and we again thank the Honorable Consistorium for sending this active man to us. But our means prevent us from providing a proper salary for him, since we must also contribute to the support of the English county preacher, who, however, is of no benefit to us. The English preacher officiates at marriages, but our Mr. Schwarbach dare not. Some years ago a considerable sum was given by benevolent persons in Europe, in collections for the benefit of the church and schools in this place, and the church which still stands was built. But since this is almost too small, and already dilapidated, we do not know what shall be done when it is destroyed. Our predecessors ought indeed not to have spent that which was collected, but we cannot change what has been done. The little which still remains is being properly administered. If through your aid and counsel we could be freed from the English parish levy, and our German preacher be permitted to marry the Germans, we would be greatly helped. But without your advice we will do nothing in this matter. The gracious God and Father in Christ grant His gracious blessing upon your efforts. Commending you to his Almighty protection, we assure you with all submission.

Your faithful servants,

ADAM GAER,

ADAM MAYLAND,

Deacons.

CULPEPPER IN VIRGINIA, September 1, 1768.

President Mühlenberg will please to communicate this to the assembled members of the Hon. Consistorium.

After the above two letters were read, the following remarks were made:

1. The President answered them in October, soon after their reception, and sent to the catechist two of the latest very edifying reports from Malabar, which arrived with the medicine chest; they may serve to encourage and cheer him, especially in that wilderness.

2. The man who brought the letters from Virginia was a member of the congregation, and said, among other matters, that the widow of the late Rev. Mr. Klug, had the parsonage which was bought with the money collected, in full possession for about seven years if he mistakes not, and that the stipulated time ends next year, and then it shall again return to the congregation.

3. N. B. It is said to be a profitable property, and to have several negro slaves in its possession, who work the land. But it is at present in a dangerous crisis. For in Virginia, the Episcopal Church is established on a firm basis, and whatever dissents from it, be it called what

it may, is bound by law to contribute annually to the established preachers, and the preachers also have the exclusive right to marry. Even if dissenting parties be married by dissenting preachers, it is not legal, and they can escape with no less fees to the established county preacher, and must receive a certificate of marriage from him. If a dissenting preacher is on good terms with the English county rector or pastor, or lives in some style, he may do *some* things under indulgence. The late Rev. Mr. K. is said to have been much liked by the established clergy, and, if he had been willing to exert himself, might have been able to obtain a charter from the government, and then the Lutheran Church, parsonage and congregation would have been assured. He was otherwise orthodox in doctrine, because he had not studied at Halle. But because he had not kept within proper bounds in regard to adiaphora, and went to extremes, he had difficulties with his congregation, though not with the Established brethren. Although none of them advised him to go to the Mother and be regularly ordained, yet the Gordian Knot would thus have been cut at one stroke. But his health was too feeble to undertake such a journey and hardship. He had his son educated in an English academy, and study theology. The son also several years ago traveled to England, and has returned with regular orders. The opportune time, however, seems to be past, because the Mother at home has become subject to hysterics, and in her paroxysms, disciplines her children with an iron rod, and does not see where she strikes. Our German Lutherans in that place can scarcely be freed from the county parish tax in any other way by anyone, but by some German adventurer accepting a call from the congregation, then upon this call, traveling to the Mother [church], signing her articles and canons, and being regularly ordained. This will bring exemption from double taxes, and enable them to retain their dear German mother tongue, as long as is necessary. The English Presbyterians increase rapidly in Virginia, because they always have active preachers on hand, and always educate some who are fitted for the conditions here.

X. Several delegates from Rev. Mr. Schaum's congregations complained to the President, that some of the godless vagabonds, who claim to be preachers stir up some of their members, and among other things make the charge, that the elders, deacons, and members in the written call to Mr. Schaum had obligated and bound themselves with body and soul, land and possessions unto their children's children, and that they—with such preachers, are free and outside of the union and in much better reputation, because they hire themselves by the year, and according to circumstances are freely accepted and dismissed. Since the elders and deacons some years ago had asked for Mr. Schaum, and sent a

signed call to the Rev. Ministerium on this account, they would like to see it again, and show it to the disaffected members, so that they may see that it contains nothing dangerous or treacherous. The President answered they should have a copy of it with notes. But Rev. Mr. Schaum thought they should also see the original, and the President should send it to him from Philadelphia, because he did not have the Archives or magazine with him, having come to New Hanover not in a wagon, but only on horse-back. So one is always worried and pursued by Satan's hounds and wild boars, as long as there remain regions and corners where the Canaanites hold their own.

Monday, November 7, was an uneasy morning, because the delegates all desired to speak with the preachers, and one had this, the other that to ask and declare. As it also began to threaten rain, each desired to be dismissed soon and sent away on the return journey. The three students started on the journey to Philadelphia; Rev. Mr. Schultz arrived with a deacon from Philadelphia. About ten o'clock A. M., preachers and delegates went to the church, and heard Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Jr., preach. He preached the Synodical sermon on the text Rom. 10: 1, "Brethren my heart's desire and prayer to God is that they might be saved." He preached almost two hours with great earnestness and emotion. About half-past twelve the church was dismissed, and the delegates and preachers assembled in the school-house, and each received his reply, according to the plan as it was discussed last evening, and, as far as our strength then permitted, had been decided. Rev. Mr. Voigt had previously at the close of the service thanked all present from near and far, and dismissed them with the benediction. And when they had finally received their dismissal in the school-house, and taken friendly leave, Rev. Mr. Schultz and Rev. Mr. Krug, together with the delegates from Lancaster, Philadelphia, Reading, Tulpehocken, etc., started on the journey to Reading, Rev. Buskerk and his men toward Germantown, and the rest toward their districts to their respective homes; and as the deacons and elders of the New Hanover congregation also desired to have a conference with Rev. Mr. Voigt and Mühlenberg, this continued in the school-house until the evening.

In the evening five preachers were still together in the parsonage, and we edified ourselves by considering various passages from God's Word. Before the brethren separated each received one or two of the latest very edifying reports from Malabar, which came in the medicine chest.

TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

1769.

(JUNE 25-27, PHILADELPHIA.)

[MS. MÜHLENBERG DIARY, also HALLE DOC. III.]

June 24, Saturday, various delegates arrived, and reported to me. Various brethren also arrived and spoke with me; they had had a difficult journey, because of the oppressive heat, and were:

1. Mr. Kurtz, Jr., from Earltown; 2. Mr. Krug, from Reading; 3. Cand. Jung, from Jordan, Whitehall Township, Northampton County.

Egypt, ——— ———

Heidelberg, Linborn, ———

4. Mr. Friderici, from Allenstown; 5. Delegates from Macunshy on the Little Lechan, Upper Milford, Saltzbury, Saccum; 6. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., with his delegates from Tulpehocken, Heidelberg, etc; 7. Mr. Wildbahn, with petitions and testimonials from his congregations in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia; 8. Mr. Helmuth, with delegates from Lancaster; 9. Mr. Deutsch, as delegate from the congregation in Yorktown; 10. Mr. Voigt and delegates from New Hanover, Providence and Peikstown; 11. Mr. Buschkirch and delegates from Germantown; 12. Delegates from Barren Hill in Whitmarsh; 13. P. M[ühlenberg] with delegates from Jersey, from the congregations in New Gefmantown, Bedminster, Greenwich, etc.; 14. Mr. Dan. Kuhn, from New York; 15. Mr. Streit, from Jersey.

The preachers and delegates were lodged and entertained at the homes of friends of the congregations, and their horses also cared for; *ex gr.*, Messrs. Kurtz, Jung and Voigt, with Mr. Kreuter; Kurtz, Sen., with Mr. Schreiber; Krug with Mr. Keppele, Sen.; Friderici and Wildban with Mr. Riemle, chirurg.; Jung with Mr. Weber; Buschkirch with Mr. Laib; Helmuth, Schmid, P. M[ühlenberg] in the parsonage, although a sick child and a sorrowful, weak mother were there. Rev. Mr. Schultz could entertain no one and was himself very weak, because his only daughter was sick and in agony with the small pox, and old Rev. Mb., was almost out of his wits, because, in the awful heat, he was questioned and overloaded with numberless trifles from all sides at once.

Besides parents announced their children for baptism, others their sick for intercession, still others for publishing of the banns, and also a child to be buried to-morrow. The delegates of the United Congregations had to entertain themselves at their own expense. In the evening at ten, the parsonage was vacated by strangers, and I wrote, meditated and prayed, until half-past three, after midnight.

Sunday, June 25. In the morning, about six o'clock, the business began again. The choir leaders wished a program for the singing, and had been able only to get two men with French horns, who, in the absence of an organ, were to support the singing. Afterwards, Rev. Mr. S, from Lebanon arrived. Finally the remaining preachers assembled in the parsonage after eight o'clock, went to St. Michael's Church, where they and all the delegates were to assemble and were to go thence to Zion's Church in procession. About nine o'clock the President requested those present to proceed in the following order, and go to Zion's while the bells were ringing:

1. The corporation, *i. e.*, deacons and elders of the Philadelphia congregation, the deacons first and the sacred vessels, and the elders following.

2. The invited honorable members of the Church Council of the German Reformed congregation in Philadelphia.

3. The delegates from the congregation in Lancaster.

4. Delegates from York across the Susquehanna, from Germantown, Readingtown on the Schuylkill, from Hanover, Providence, Peikstown and Barren Hill.

5. Delegates from Tulpehocken, Heidelberg, etc.

6. Delegates from Lebanon, Manheim, etc.

7. Delegates from Earltown, etc.

8. Delegates from New Germantown Bediminster, Greenwich in Jersey.

9. Delegates from Donegal, Middletown, etc.

10. Delegates from Macunshy, Heidelberg, Jordan in Northampton County.

11. Strangers and Friends.

Then followed the teachers and laborers in the following order, the younger first and then according to the time they have served here:

1. Messrs. Kuhn and Streit.
2. Pet. M[ühlenberg], Georg Jung and Wildbahn.
3. Friderici and Buschkirk.
4. Helmuth and Schmid.
5. Schultz and Kurtz, Jr.
6. Voigt and Krug.
7. Stoever and Kurtz, Sen.
8. The Reformed pastor, Rev. Mr. Weinberg and Mühlenberg, Sen.

And in order that the confusion in so great a gathering might be

prevented as far as possible, we had requested those members of our congregation who had already served as elders and deacons, to supervise the matter, keep the four doors of the new church and the one at the "pedestal" of the tower locked, until the procession had entered. When the procession arrived, the choir inside, accompanied by the two French horns, sang the first stanza of "*O Heilger Geist, kehr bey uns ein*," etc. It was stirring to the senses and impressive to the spirit, so far as one was able in the confusion to collect one's thoughts.

After the great throng, through the five doors, was relieved and the large church was full,

1. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., came before the altar, and, in a loud voice, read the 100th Psalm, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands."

2. The entire assembly sang the second stanza of the hymn: "*Allein Gott in der Höh*," etc., "*Wir loben, preisen, anbeten dich*," etc. I would have preferred the first stanza, but I am always afraid it may not be rightly understood in this militant church, when it says, "*All Fehd hat nun ein Ende*."

3. Mb., Sen., went before the altar, and all the other brethren around the altar railing. a. Mb., Sen., declared that by God's grace, protection and mercy the foundation stone of this building was laid with the reading of God's Word, and prayer, and given the name "Zion," that on June 11, 1766, in the presence of the United Rev. Ministerium, the corner stone was laid, and the entire building has, under the especial gracious providence of the merciful King of Zion, Immanuel, progressed so far that it is now to be consecrated, and be set apart for use. Hereby it is dedicated to the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! for the use of the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation, which confesses the one Evangelical doctrine upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, the two Holy Sacraments instituted by Christ, according to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and other Symbolical Books. He consecrated it with the verse, Isa. 35: 8, "Grant, O Lord, that an highway shall be here, and a way, which shall be called The Way of Holiness; that the unclean may not pass over it, and that it be for us and our posterity that we go upon it, so that also the—"

b. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., gave a verse for the ministry, I Peter 6: 2-4, "Feed the flock of Christ," etc.

c. Mr. Stöver, for Holy Baptism and Communion, Tit. 3: 5, "According to His mercy God saved us," etc. I Cor. 11: 23-25.

d. Mr. Kurtz, Jun., for the education of children, Ephes. 6: 1-4, Psalm 34: 12 [11].

e. Mr. Krug, for the extension of Christ's kingdom of grace on earth, Isa. 60: 1, 4, 5, "Arise, shine," etc.

f. Mr. Voigt, for the preservation of Christ's kingdom of grace amid sorrow and persecution, Isa. 53 : 10, "When he shall make his soul an offering for sin," etc.

g. Mr. Schultz, for the elders, deacons and trustees of Zion's building, I Kings 8 : 57, 58, "The Lord our God be with us," etc.

h. Mr. Friderici, for love, peace and unity among the German Protestants in America, Psalm 133, "Behold how good and pleasant it is," etc.

i. Mr. Buschkirch, for our King and all Christian magistrates, I Tim. 2 : 1-3, "I exhort therefore," etc.

k. Mr. Helmuth, for our Fathers, benefactors in Europe, Psalm 121 : 7-8, "The Lord preserve thee," etc.

l. Mr. Schmidt, for the dear laborers among the Malabars and Jews, Isa. 26 : 15, "Thou, Lord, dost continue among the heathen." Isa. 43 : 5, 6.

m. Mr. Jung, for the family, Proverbs 14 : 26-27, "He that feareth the Lord," etc.

n. Peter Mühlenberg, for the benefactors of the building of Zion in this country, Psalm 122 : 6-7, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem," etc.

o. Mr. Kuhn, for the Seminary which is to be established, Song of Sol. 8 : 8, "We have a little sister and she hath no breasts;" Isa. 40 : 11, "He shall feed his flock."

p. Mr. Streit, for the strength of godliness, Isa. 40 : 31, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength," etc.

4. The hymn was sung antiphonally, "*Nun danket all und bringet Ehr.*"

5. Mb., Sen., preached the first sermon in Zion. The text was Isa. 43 : 1 to 6. He had the sermon written, was weak and distressed in body, and sorrowful in spirit, sore and oppressed in his chest, felt the strong vapor of the fresh plaster and paint in the church, and the news was whispered into his ear just when he entered the pulpit, that his little grandchild, Mr. Schultz's daughter, had died.

On account of his weakness, the crowded room, the intolerable heat, etc., he omitted the explanation or paraphrase of the text, and treated of only two doctrines in it: 1. That God, the Lord, would preserve His Kingdom of Grace in this world amid all hostile attacks, sorrows and persecutions, unto the end of days; 2, and in the last days greatly increase and glorify it. At the close of the sermon he made an appeal to the assembly for a collection, which the elders would receive at the doors as the people went out.

6. After the sermon they sang, "*Nun danket alle Gott mit Herten, Mund und Händen,*" etc., and the assembly was dismissed with the benediction.

In the afternoon, at half-past two, the service was continued. I was

ill and had to take my bed. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., was requested to preach. The large church was filled, and he preached on Mark 16: 15, 16, 20, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," etc. According to the testimony of the other brethren who were present, it was a grand, stirring and edifying sermon. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., conducted the afternoon service as follows: 1. They sang "*Seelenbräutigam, Jesu Gottes Lamm.*" 2. He baptized the children. 3. Preached. 4. After the sermon they sang "*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren,*" etc. 5. He dismissed the assemblage with the benediction. 6. And again a collection was lifted. In the evening, towards six o'clock, a child was buried, the funeral being conducted by our brother, Rev. Mr. Schmidt, who briefly addressed the numerous followers in the old church, on the seventh verse of the fourth chapter in the Book of Wisdom, "But the righteous, though he die too early, yet shall he be in rest." Meanwhile, I was forced to rise and go to the Reverendus *Commissarius* of the High Church, who desired to confer with me concerning the English service to be held in Zion's to-morrow. He showed me that, in my written invitation, I had made a mistake and must necessarily visit two eminent persons with him. He had his horses put to the carriage, and took me to two houses, where I was to correct the mistake by word of mouth. The entire error was that I had not called upon the Pro-Rector of the Academy and invited him personally and *in particular*, but only in writing with the rest, and had also forgotten the officers of the Royal Regiment, etc. Great cry and little wool! However, I did not wish to appear ungrateful, since the gentlemen of the academy or college had permitted us to use their chapel for services for almost three years, and thus shown us a great kindness in need. I made every endeavor, therefore, to correct the error, and also before night sent a written invitation to the officers.

In the evening at eight o'clock, the evening service in Zion's began, at which the hanging chandelier which our worthy friends in London had provided, was for the first time furnished with twenty-four lights, and shed its rays abroad in the large building like a *bonum communicabile*, and caused men to rejoice. 1. They sang, "*Sollt es gleich bisweilen scheinen, als ob Gott verliess die Seinen,*" etc. 2. Rev. Mr. Helmuth delivered a pithy and stirring address on the words, Neb. 9: 30-31, "Yet many years didst thou forbear them and testifiedst against them by thy Spirit in thy prophets," etc. 3. Sang antiphonally "*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme,*" etc., and in going out a collection was lifted. With this, this day was ended under God's special goodness, grace and mercy. The blessing which the heart-directing God granted in the three-fold service through free-will collections, amounted to somewhat

more than two hundred pounds, which in these times of depression and scarcity of money is very remarkable.

Monday, June 26, in the forenoon the members of the Rev. Ministerium assembled in the parsonage. The preachers of the English Episcopal Church had yesterday in their meetings invited their wardens and vestries for to-day, in the name of our corporation. Toward eleven o'clock, A. Mer., a crowd of members of our congregation assembled before Zion's Church. But our deacons and elders kept the doors locked, in order that our English guests might have the best place. At eleven o'clock the venerable Governor Hamilton, Esq., arrived, then the Rev. *Commissarius*, Mr. Peters, and the other preachers of the High Church, with their church wardens and vestrymen, in procession. Then followed the Doctors of Theology, the Professors of Philosophy and Medicine, and other graduates of the University in procession, wearing their festive garb; then the most eminent lawyers, several officers of military rank, likewise justices of the peace, city physicians and other German and English families, who, however, did not fill the church half as much as the Germans alone yesterday. Of the English Presbyterian congregations, their preachers were in attendance, as also the pastor of the English Baptist congregation. The Mayor of the city sent a letter to me and excused himself courteously, saying that, because of pressing business, he could not attend, but wished all success to Zion's. An English preacher of St. Paul's Church also excused himself in a letter, saying that he could not come because an extraordinary hindrance had occurred. The three preachers of the Swedish Church still remaining could not attend, because about this time they also held a convention in the country, and the most intelligent of them had excused himself several days before both in writing and by word of mouth. The second English preacher, Mr. Duchee, began with the English prayers; then the Pro-rector of the College or University offered a prayer, which he had composed for the occasion. After the singing of a Psalm, the Hon. Mr. Peters, as rector of the High Church, preached an excellent sermon on the Angels' Song, Luke 2: 14, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace," etc. And after he had ended his discourse, I added the following words instead of a thanksgiving: "May it please the Honorable, Reverend and Worshipful Convention for the time being to hear a few words in broken English, instead of a due and better kind of thanksgiving and Valediction.

"What a glorious lustre doth it spread and reflect upon State and Religion, when in an infant Christian Republic, framed in a remote part of the transient World, the excellent Rulers and Patriots of the state, the Catholic spirited Ambassadors for Christ, the eminently learned

Faculties of the College for promoting liberal education, sublimer Arts and Sciences, when some of the chief families and other well-disposed persons of divers Orders, Rank, Degrees and Dignity; when all these I say, condescend to comply with an humble invitation of their inferiors, tho' fellow Christians and citizens repair, animated as it were with Christian Zeal, Love and Benevolence, to a new-built House of Worship, intended and dedicated for an Institution to prepare and form by the means of divine Grace, unfeigned Christians, faithful Subjects to our Rightful Protestant Kings and all that are in authority, peaceful and useful members of the commonwealth, for the Glory of God the most High, and an additional support of sound religion; when they are not ashamed to humble themselves prostrate before the throne of mercy, in bounden duty to worship Jehovah in spirit and truth; when they join in Supplications, Prayers, Intercessions and praises for all men, for Kings and all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all Godliness and Honesty! By acting so noble and seeming a Christian part, they consecrate a House and place, intended for divine worship in a solemn manner, promote lovely unity and harmony, encourage Piety and Virtue, brotherly kindness and charity, confirm mutual confidence, sweeten the bitter cup of affliction and tribulation in the Valley of Tears and state of Tryal, and render a striking instance worthy of imitation.

"And this you have done Honorable Reverend, and Worshipful Convention, by granting our humble request, by solemnly performing and attending the first English Service in Zion's, which shall be a lasting monument and recorded for an example and pattern to our latest posterity. And O! that the words of Spirit and life, which are delivered here the first time in Zion, were printed in the innermost centre of our heart! O! that they were graven with an Iron Pen and Lead in the American Rocks forever! May the Almighty God of Hosts, the Father of all mercy and consolation in Christ, the neverfailing Fountain of all Perfections, Life, Bliss and Glory, be the grand aim and object of your Wisdom, Affection and Highest Taste, your shield and reward in this fading world and declining life, and abundantly hereafter, when time and changes shall be no more! Amen."¹

The collection was not as large as we had desired and hoped, but amounted to only a little more than £16. But we must be satisfied, and consider that our invitation was to some extent to show a recognition of their friendly and neighborly love, since they had given us the university chapel for three years freely, and might yet injure us, if they would give it to one or other of the German party leaders.

¹ Original form of this English address as found in his journal.

In the afternoon about two o'clock, the United Evangelical Ministerium and the delegated elders assembled in the school house, and transacted the following business, and passed these resolutions :

After prayer,—

1. Two written communications from the Church Council of the Evangelical congregation in Yorktown, across the Susquehanna, to the President were read, in which they plead for an experienced, faithful pastor, and especially for Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., and send a call for him to the Rev. Ministerium.

Mr. Kurtz, Sen., was asked whether he was inclined and willing to accept a call thither? Response: "He would be pleased to go, or also to remain, and would leave it to the judgment of the Rev. Ministerium."

The delegates from the Tulpehocken congregation insisted that Mr. Kurtz must remain with them, because he had served these congregations so long, the people were accustomed to him, and if he were to move away, great care must be taken lest the congregations all be scattered. There was some preliminary discussion *pro* and *contra*. The President asked the members of the Ministerium each to give his opinion in the matter. They considered that the Yorktown congregation must be helped this time, because it was in danger of being entirely torn to pieces and scattered. One of the members thought the change with Rev. Mr. Kurtz might be effected without such great danger as the Tulpehocken people believed, if some one would be sent to take his place. Another said, the arguments of the Tulpehocken people were not sufficient, and that it appeared as though they relied too much upon men, and set too much confidence on one person: *e. g.*, if Mr. Kurtz were to die, what then? A preacher, at best, can only plant and water, but God gives the increase, and is bound to no person. A town like York, in such a remote district, should especially have a capable, gifted worker, whom grace has favored, etc. Finally the delegates from Tulpehocken stated, that they had no further orders, except to ask for their old pastor. But, if notwithstanding this, a change was to be effected, Senior Mühlenberg must himself move to Tulpehocken; for this, the Ministerium might prepare itself.

2. It was remarked that the congregations in Macunshy, on the Little Lechau, in Salisbury, Upper Milford and Saccum had for a long time already petitioned the Præses Ministerii for a faithful and experienced preacher, and had especially at the last Synodical meeting on November 6 and 7, 1768, urgently asked for one, and had also been encouraged with the prospect of the arrival of the new preachers.

The Ministerium and other delegates all regarded it necessary that an experienced laborer be stationed in this large district. But whence?

From the basket or the press? Mr. Buskerk, from Germantown, was proposed. But against this the Germantown delegates protested, and said, that changes often caused danger and harm, they were until now at peace and satisfied with Mr. B——, and the congregation peaceful and growing after so many previous sad quarrels, and they were afraid difficulties might again arise if a change were to take place. Yet they did not absolutely insist that Mr. B—— must remain, because other forsaken congregations also need preachers acquainted with the conditions of this country, if only they, the Germantowners, would again be supplied with a good man.

3. The delegates from Hummelstown, Middletown and Donegal appeared. These small congregations are mentioned in the Protocol of Nov. 6, 7, 8, 1768, and in the Journal of the last Lancaster journey. They begged very urgently for assistance, but we had nothing to propose except they might occasionally be visited from Lancaster, and by other brethren.

4. The congregation in Peikstown is again vacant, since Peter Mühlenberg and Streit are no longer here. It was not more convenient for any preacher, than the one in Hanover and Providence. But the Hanover congregation has service only every two weeks as it is, and cannot spare a Sunday; the Providence congregation is weak, does not wish to miss a Sunday, and yet cannot raise half the salary, and lies in the same district as the Peikstown congregation, only the Schulkiel flowing between them and separating them. The Peikstown congregation is much stronger than that in Providence. If it had a preacher not in our union, the Providence congregation would be completely disintegrated. The Ministerium therefore let it be understood that Providence and Peikstown be reckoned as one, and that in each the fourth Sunday must be set apart for service. The delegates from Providence protested, and said the congregation would not grant it, and if they were to have service only once every four weeks, many members would go astray, and join the neighboring churches, where so-called antagonists preach. Response: It is proper that the Peikstown congregation be served by the nearest pastor from Hanover.

5. A so-called Lutheran preacher, Peter Mischler by name, applied for reception into the United Ministerium. He also had several letters from partisans in several congregations as his recommendation. The President answered he might appear before the Ministerium to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, when his case would be considered.

Since it was now already past 5 o'clock, the meeting adjourned to attend the funeral of the daughter of Rev. Mr. Schultz. The members of the Rev. Ministerium preceded the body, parents and grandparents

with the families, elders and deacons and a great number of members of the congregation, neighbors, etc., followed, and went to St. Michael's Church, which was almost too small for those present. The school-master and his scholars first sang some beautiful stanzas from funeral hymns. Then Rev. Mr. Helmuth made a comforting and edifying address on the words, Matth. 9: 24: "The maid is not dead, but sleepeth." In the evening there was another large gathering in the new church, where Rev. Mr. Voigt preached a thoroughly prepared sermon on the Benediction, from Num. 6: 24-26. To-day various delegates started again on their journey home, because it is expensive to live in the city, and this is the time to make hay.

Tuesday, June 27, in the morning about 8 o'clock, the members of the Rev. Ministerium again met, to confer concerning the general conditions, and to pass necessary resolutions. After prayer, the following matters were treated of:

1. *Whether Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Senior, should accept the call to Yorktown?* Response: *a.* Rev. St——, *pro.* *b.* Rev. V——, *pro.* *c.* Rev. Mr. Kr—— objected, that it might not be endurable for the bodily condition of Mr. Kurtz, if after being accustomed to long rides he should suddenly be transferred to a comparatively quiet place, etc. Answer was made, that he would have sufficient exercise on foot and on horseback, in and around Yorktown; and Mr. Kr—— voted *pro.* *d.* Mr. Kurtz, Jun., said, that he saw nothing divine in the call, because our Lord and Saviour said to his disciples, if they were persecuted in a city and driven from it, then they should flee into another; but this was not the case here, *atque ergo.* Response: This does not suit here; but one should much more first seek the hundredth sheep, and leave the ninety and nine in the fold, cared for by another, etc. *Quære b.* *Whether Mr. Kurtz, Sen., had in any way induced the Yorktowners to give him the call?* Response: No; in no way. But it is known that they had voted for him four years ago already, and petitioned for him, but that something always intervened; and since they now again petition, and the congregation is in a very critical state, and we must recognize an indication of God's will in the circumstances, and could readily find some one for his place in Tulpehocken, we cannot see how he could conscientiously reject the call. Mr. Kurtz, Jr., finally also voted *pro.* *e.* Rev. Mr. Schultz voted *pro.* and added that Tulpehocken is so far in order, that even if a successor were not so well acquainted or gifted, he could none the less, with divine help, accomplish some good, at least keep the congregation in its old condition. Rev. Mr. H——th, *pro.* Rev. Mr. Schm——, *pro.*; he believes that none suits better for the Yorktown people, who have gone astray, and

are in danger, than the experienced Mr. Kurtz, Sen., and that Tulpehocken can more easily be looked after by another, for it is certainly easier to keep good order than first to bring a congregation into order. The other members also all voted *pro*.

Then it was asked how Tulpehocken was to be supplied again? Response: This could not yet be decided, and the resolution for a change was first to be reported to both congregations, viz., Yorktown and Tulpehocken, since Mr. Kurtz could not change before Fall in any case. 1. God the Lord will in the meantime show His will more clearly through the circumstances.

2d Transaction: *Concerning the supplying of the vacant congregations in Macunshy, Salisbury, Upper Milford and Saccum.*

Mr. Buschkirch was asked, whether he would accept a call thither? Response: He would refer it to the decision of the Rev. Ministerium. The Rev. Ministerium voted unanimously that he accept it. Mr. Buschkirch promised to make an attempt, if the Germantowners were provided with another, viz., Rev. Mr. Schmidt. He would preach in Macunshy a week from next Sunday, i. e., July 9 a. c., D. V. The delegates from Germantown indeed again protested that the many changes were harmful to their congregation, but the resolution remained until further information.

3. *Concerning the four small congregations in Maytown, Donegal, Middletown and Hummelstown* nothing further could be decided.

4. After the so-called preacher, Peter Mischler, who had been invited to appear to-day, arrived, the following business was transacted with him:

I. Here is to be noticed what had been done in his case yesterday, June 26, in the afternoon. He was called, when the members of the Ministerium and delegates were assembled, and asked:

1. Why he disturbed congregations, and supported several restless parties in them? Answer: He had not known that there was hostility in the congregations.

2. Rev. Mr. St—— rose and related that he, Mischler, in the preceding Fall had visited him (Mr. St——) with four men from the Nordkiel congregation. Mr. St—— had, in a friendly way, warned him that he should have nothing to do with factious congregations. Notwithstanding the warning, he with his party crept into the Nordkiel congregation; afterwards he also accepted the church in Tulpehocken which was formerly in the hands of the Moravians, and became the successor of a vagabond. Further, he sided with the revolting party which had before supported a vagabond in Heidelberg against Mr. Kurtz, Sen. Then he also crept into the Warwick congregation and caused

a split, yes, even recently had a boy break through the window, open the church door, and entered it with his party to hold so-called worship, although he knew that the elders and deacons of the Warwick congregation had applied to the United Ministerium, and had several times been served from Lancaster. Mischler had nothing to produce in his defence, but replied: He would give up the said congregations if the Ministerium would receive him. He was therefore ordered to be examined to-day.

II. The transactions then followed thus: The President requested him to be truthful in his answers, because they were to be recorded in the Protocol.

Question 1. Where was he born? Answer: In Gersweiler in Nassau Saarbrück.

2. Of what religion were his parents? Answer: The father, Roman Catholic; the mother, Lutheran.

3. Did he receive instruction and confirmation in the Evangelical or the Catholic religion? Answer: In the Evangelical, and confirmed by Rev. Mr. Rust, in Mohlstadt.

4. Did he study languages, namely, Latin, Greek and Hebrew? Answer: No; only a little Latin.

5. Did he learn an honorable trade, namely, tailoring? Answer: Not completely (zünftig).

6. How long has he been in Pennsylvania? Answer: Seven years.

7. What induced him to give up his tailoring, and act as preacher? Answer: The late Rev. Mr. Schertel.

8. Had he a call to the ministry from any congregations where he lived? Answer: No.

9. Did any one ordain him? Answer: Yes; Rev. Schumacher, in the Blue Mountains. [Shame! from such a Brutus?]

10. Where was he since then, and where did he preach? Answer: In Albany Township, Berks County; in Upper Windsor, at the Brick Church; with Nicolaus Langen, in the Blue Mountains; in Tulpehocken, Heidelbergtown, and finally in Warwick, twelve miles from Lancaster, where his party broke open the church for him and he held so-called worship for them.

Hereupon the President read several letters which were written by Mischler's parties in Tulpehocken, Heidelbergtown, etc., to the Ministerium, and they praise him because of his orthodoxy, and demand his reception in almost threatening language.

Several members of the Ministerium made the following remarks:

1. Rev. Mr. St—— cast up to him that he had shown Philip Straus a Hebrew Bible, and boasted that he possessed not a little ability in the

ancient languages. To Nicolaus Ensminger, he is said to have boasted that in languages he was equal to all the United Preachers. Mr. Mischler denied having made such boasts. The President said, that in order that the truth might be known, they would make a test themselves, and, 1, handed him the Psalms of David in Hebrew, and asked whether he knew the letters and the language? Answer: No; he knew nothing of them. 2. He held the Greek Testament before him, asking whether he knew the language? Answer: It was Greek. Question: Whether he could read it? Answer: No; he did not know the letters. 3. The President handed him something in Latin, and requested that he should read and translate into German. He read a few words, but could not translate.

4. The President: There are people who, if they have not learned them, regard languages only as husks and shells by which men are puffed up, and boast that they possess the kernel and necessary gifts for the office through inspiration of the Spirit without the external shells. Some easy questions would therefore be put to him in the mother tongue.

1. Rev. Mr. Sch—— asked: What is Religion? Answer: To build us up on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. [President: The answer is not unfair, since the man seems not accustomed to abstracts, but to concretes.]

2. Another member of Synod: How can he prove that there is a God? Answer: From the Bible. Question: But if the enemies will not accept the Bible, how can he prove it then? Answer: From creation.

3. Another: What are our Symbolical Books? Answer: The Old and New Testaments.

4. Another desired that he explain the verses, Jeremiah 23: 5, 6, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord," etc. Instead of the explanation he (Mischler) made a brief address of undigested, disconnected thoughts, which showed that his mind must be a chaos.

5. Another asked: How he could defend the Baptism of Children? There was no answer, and profound silence followed.

President: We now see that neither the necessary shell nor the kernel needful for the important office, neither mediate nor immediate gifts are present. In all congregations those hating truth and light can be found, who seek tools and support them for this purpose, that they may embarrass and distress faithful laborers, ruin congregations, make void the power of godliness, and build up the kingdom of Satan. He who lets himself be hired by such tools, need have nothing but a lying and slanderous spirit, a hardened heart and conscience and will finally be cast into the fire as a used-up rod before God, before all right-minded Christians, and at last even before his own adherents!

Question : What is to be advised, and what to be done ?

One : He has a wife and children, and needs support.

Answer : Would it not be better if he would support himself with his honorable trade as a tailor ?

Question : Whether we could not assist him to a position in school ?

Rev. Mr. St—— answers : Mr. Mischler had written him a long letter with his own hand, from which it appeared that he could not write well a single letter of the alphabet, or spell. The communication was without any connected thought or style, and yet the signature read : "*Parr Mischler minister.*"

Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., advised that he be made to promise that he leave the small congregations and parties, where regular preachers are laboring, and remain where there are no preachers at all, that he be exhorted to good behavior, and be referred to the next Synodical meeting.

Mr. Kurtz, Jun., thought he should be shown to districts where there was the greatest destitution of the means of grace.

Answer : Who can do this, with a good conscience ?

The President asked : Whether he would cease from the disturbances, and vexatious divisions, and entirely leave the parties in Warwick, Heidelbergtown and Tulpehocken, turn to God and reform ? Answer : Yes, Yes.

The President : But if he continued to let himself be used by Satan and his followers as a wretched tool, the authorities in Lancaster would bring him and his adherents before the Justice for breaking into the Warwick Church, and then the above Protocol would serve against him, and help hasten his ruin. He should in future take heed not to make people believe that he understood Latin, Greek and Hebrew, etc., and that he had an immediate unction and call to the ministry, because the evidence of both appear plainly enough from his conduct before this public meeting, and the Protocol of yesterday and to-day. He again promised that he would in the future have nothing to do with the parties in Warwick, Heidelbergtown and Tulpehocken, departed and wept before the door.

We have no strong hope that he will keep his promise, for the old *Diabolus* will not give up his favorite Machiavellian maxim, *divide et imperabis*, so long as he is not bound, and his followers are so blind, hardened and evil-minded that they prefer to buy and drag in such instruments, in order that they may quench their little wrath, and, in the name of their father, revenge themselves against the good work. As far as the leaders are concerned, they are accustomed to say : "We know quite well ourselves that our pastor is ignorant and shallow, but for that very reason we keep him, because he serves our purpose

and we can vex the others this way. For this is a free country, where neither Pope nor Council, neither Synod nor Cœtus has any authority over us."

5. The matter concerning Peikstown was taken up. All members of the Rev. Ministerium voted that Rev. Mr. Voigt regard the congregations in Providence and Peikstown as one congregation and half of his parish, and hold public service each fourth Sunday in Providence, as also each fourth Sunday in Peikstown.

6. The President read a letter from Reading, signed by fourteen fathers of families, who petitioned the Rev. Ministerium that they should by all means effect a change, to wit, order Mr. Krug to another congregation and a new man from the Ministerium to his place in Readingtown, in order that they may again belong to the church and congregation, and the congregation be entirely united.

The President also read a letter from the deacons, elders, and regular members of the congregation in Reading, signed in all by one hundred and six persons, in which the congregation petitions that the Ministerium should not yet remove their teacher and pastor, Rev. Mr. Krug.

It was resolved that the petition of the congregation signed by one hundred and six persons be granted until further knowledge, because Rev. Mr. Kr —, because of his very delicate health is not suited to long continuous riding, and the still rougher conditions in the country congregations, although it is also difficult, grievous and disagreeable, if one be surrounded by fourteen dissatisfied heads of families who watch every word, step, action, expression and features in an envious and hostile spirit, do not see with their wicked eyes any true good or grace and particular gifts, but, on the contrary, make elephants out of gnats, and cannot rest unless they have followers and hornblowers.

7. The affairs of the country preacher Wildbahn and the congregations served by him until now, were taken up.

a. The President read five or six letters as testimonials from the congregations, from which it appears, that all the congregations he has served so far are well pleased with him, and have nothing to object to either in his doctrine or his life.

b. He read from the Synodical Protocol of 1762 how the said catechist was examined by a committee of the Rev. Ministerium, and considered capable of administering the Sacraments in the *angustia* and *penuria laborum*, and he received a license for this purpose.

c. His errors of previous times were told him, which were laid to his charge, concerning which he explained more fully, and attempted to defend himself as much as possible.

d. Question: Whether he and his congregations are to be received

into the Union? Answered by all: Yes; until it can be rightly proved before the Synod that his doctrine and life render him unworthy and incapable of being a member of the Union.

8. Question: What is to be done with the candidate, Mr. Young, who is recommended by his honor, Dr. Wachsel?

Answer: His little congregations in the Blue Mountains, which he has served until now, give him good testimonials, and petition that he may remain with them.

Resolved, That he shall be allowed one year of probation, and that the President orally give him authority to administer the Sacraments, after he has been examined.

9. Question: What is to be advised concerning the collection for which one of Young's congregations asks for its church building?

Final answer: In the present condition of our congregations it is not at all advisable or practicable to undertake it.

10. A letter from Weissenberg was read, in which the Ministerium is requested, that Mr. Young be permitted to accept and serve one more small congregation in addition to his four at the end of the year.

Answer: Mr. Young might arrange this with the other congregations.

11. The President chose a committee from the Reverend Ministerium, and asked of them that they examine the candidate, Mr. Young, and his son, Joh. Peter in the necessary theoretical and practical branches of theology, and refer their decision to him.

12. Concerning a Seminary, which is to be established, it was *resolved*, that each member write out his thoughts concerning the best method, and send them in.

13. To relieve the President, it was *resolved*, that in each county there be a Vice-President, but in the towns, where it is most suitable, to whom the neighboring congregations might first refer urgent matters, which could not be postponed until a Synodical meeting, and must be settled.

14. Question: Where the Synod shall, D. V., be held next time?

Answer: All unanimously—in Reading, on the Schuylkill.

15. The votes for the choice of a Præses Ministerii fell upon the old, H. M—b—. (den alten Mühlesel) [cancelled].

16. In the afternoon, from half past three to seven, the Rev. Examinatores, Messrs. St—, Kr—, H—th and Schu—, were busy testing and examining the young men, Mr. George Young and Peter Mühlenberg.

In the evening there was again a meeting for worship in Zion, where Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Junior, preached a thoughtful, instructive and edifying farewell sermon on Isa. 54: 1, 2 seq. In closing, the

President briefly thanked, (a) the brethren and respective members of the Rev. Ministerium for their hearty brotherly attendance, (b) the delegates of the United Congregations, (c) the deacons and elders of Zion's congregation, (d) the friends in the congregation, who kindly received and entertained the preachers, and (e) all members of the congregation present.

Finally we sang: "*Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade bey uns Herr Jesu Christ,*" etc.

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

1770.

WEDNESDAY AFTER THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

(October 24, in Reading.)

I.

[NOVA ACTA HISTORICO-ECCLESIASTICA, XII. pp. 337-351; also in HALLE DOCUMENTS, III. 2445-56.]

The members of the honorable Ministerium who were present were the following: 1. Senior Mühlenberg, Præses. 2. Mr. Krug. 3. Mr. Stöver. 4. Mr. Schultz. 5. Mr. Schmid. 6. Mr. Kurtz, Jr. 7. Mr. Schaum. 8. Mr. Buskerk. 9. Mr. Frederici. 10. Mr. Schwerdfeger. 11. Mr. Wildban. 12. Mr. Kunze. 13. Candidate Mr. Young. 14. Mr. Kuhn. 15. Mr. Streit. 16. Mr. Enderle. 17. Fred. Mühlenberg. 18. Henry Mühlenberg. [19. Mr. Voigt.¹]

Delegates, deacons and elders of the congregations were present in considerable number.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, about 11 A.M., the service commenced, which was attended by all the preachers and delegates present, besides many of the Reading congregation. After the hymn: "*Der Herr hat Alles wohl gemacht*," etc., Mr. Kunze, who has lately arrived, preached on the words, Isa. 57: 19, "I will create the fruit of the lips." After the sermon Senior Mühlenberg announced another service for the following day, and the opening of Synod at 2 P.M.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon all the preachers and candidates assembled in the school-house, and the consultations in behalf of the welfare of the Kingdom of Jesus in this land were opened by prayer offered by Rev. Voigt. Then an Order of Business was prepared in this wise: Each member of the reverend Synod recommended for consideration the circumstance with which he was most closely related. In this way it was decided to take up the following points in the presence of the Lord: 1. Proposition for a preliminary examination of one of

¹Not in MS.

the sons of Senior Mühlenberg. 2. Concerning the condition of the Pikes-town Church. 3. Concerning the matter of Rev. Krug's call to Frederickstown, and the dissatisfaction with him of some of the members of the Reading congregation. 4. Of the supplying of the congregation at Albany with a pastor. 5. Of the transfer of Rev. Frederici. 6. Of the separation of the Canagoge¹ congregation from MacAllistertown. 7. Of the supplying of the four congregations—Schäferstadt² (or Upper Heidelberg, Warwick,³ Manheim and Weiseichenland⁴—with a pastor. 8. Of the desire of the Middletown congregation no longer to be served by Mr. Kuhn. 9. Of Mr. Streit's future stations. 10. Of the examination and ordination of the five candidates, Messrs. Young, Kuhn, Streit, Fred. Mühlenberg and Hen. Mühlenberg, as *Diaconi Ministerii*.

Before the further consideration of these points was begun, the honorable elders and delegated deacons of the congregations came to the preachers' meeting, and called attention to the following points: 1. The congregations of Rosenthal, Albany and Weisenburg anxiously desire a pastor. So far they could only rarely be visited. 2. The congregations which Mr. Young has served till the present, testify to their entire satisfaction with him, and desire to retain him. 3. The congregations of Easton desire a preacher. 4. That of Tulpehocken, Atolheo, Heidelberg and also Nordkiel, desires to join [the Ministerium]. The first have handed in a written communication. 5. That of Warwick, with which Manheim and Weiseichenland desire to be joined, also desires a preacher. 6. The delegates from Points Erick, Thomas Erick, Danetown [Taneytown] and Cathores [Codorus] give assurance of their satisfaction with their preacher. The congregation of Danetown wishes to be united with the others. 7. The New Germantowners are satisfied with their preacher. 8. So also the Old Germantowners. 9. The congregations of Macunshy and Salisbury likewise desire no change. 10. The congregation of Middletown desires to retain Mr. Kuhn. They have handed in a communication. 11. Those from the Dry Land have no complaint to make against Mr. Frederici, only to testify that they cannot provide for him sufficiently. 12. Those from Pikestown hand in two communications. 13. Those of Earlstown, with those belonging to them, are satisfied with their preacher. 14. Those from Bern township hand in a communication. 15. Those of New Providence desire services every two weeks; so far they have had them only every four weeks. 16. The delegates from Rev. Schaum's congregations desire services more frequently than heretofore. 17. Those from Greenwich make no complaint against Mr. Streit, but desire

¹ MS. Canaketschick.

³ MS. Warwitz.

² MS. Schäferstädtlein.

⁴ MS. Weiseigenland.

to be united with Easton, if it receives a pastor of its own. 18. Those from New Hanover make no complaints. 19. Those of Maytown and the Bishop congregations are altogether satisfied with Mr. Enderle [and hand in a communication]. 20. Those from Owen's Creek are satisfied with Mr. Wildban, and hand in a communication. 21. Those from Lancaster testify to their satisfaction. 22. Those belonging to the Conawago St. John's Church, through the delegates from Danetown, express their desire that Mr. Wildban be left with them.

After these points were, one after another, quite briefly stated, the meeting was closed with prayer and a short hymn, and the delegates in so far dismissed, that those who, either in regard to the points that had been presented, or in respect to other circumstances which they did not wish to state publicly, might have anything further to say, were referred to special conference with the President.

The United Preachers remained together on account of many and important circumstances until almost 11 o'clock at night, and began in the Name of God to deliberate upon the above-mentioned points.

I. The proposition regarding a preliminary examination to be arranged for one of the sons of Senior Mühlenberg, lately returned from Halle, was approved as good and useful by all, and immediately arranged. Mr. Henry Mühlenberg appeared and Rev. Voigt acted as examiner. First the original text of the first Psalm was translated into Latin, and then various analytical and exegetical questions were added in the same language, all of which were accurately answered. The examiner especially admired his very evident skill in the Hebrew language. The first chapter of St. John was gone through in the same manner, in which the same skill and ease were noticed as before. Altogether, according to the unanimous testimony of all, the learning of this young Mr. Mühlenberg, considering his age and the length of his stay in Halle, not quite seven years, is remarkable.

II. Next the Pikestown affairs were considered. First two letters from the two opposing parties in this congregation were read. In the first communication, signed by thirty-two names, it was stated that the party from which it came, wished to build the new church not on the old place, on account of its remoteness, but on a piece of ground to be bought, and therefore herewith to request the Ministerium to consent to it, and after the completion of the church, to appoint a preacher. Against this the other party, whose letter had sixty-six signatures, protested. They wished to build the church on the old place, which had long been held for this purpose, and desired that the others should refrain from building, and not weaken their church in this way. After this matter had been fully considered, and many explanations given

by Rev. Voigt, as he best knew the circumstances, from which explanations it was to be seen that a church building now to be started on another place might have many disastrous results, an answer, of which the following are the chief points, was given by the Ministerium: 1. The congregation should, if the building of a church were necessary, build on the old place. 2. Those living beyond the France Creek, who wished to undertake another building, should wait with it, and rather out of Christian love contribute to this church. 3. If after the completion of this church those across the France Creek also wished to begin a building for themselves, the Ministerium would promise to assist them with a preacher of their own as soon as possible. 4. And then those living on this side of the France Creek should practice the same Christian love and contribute to the building of the new church. This answer was given to the delegates in writing.

III. Finally the matter of the call of Rev. Krug to Baltimore and Frederickstown was discussed this evening in a preliminary manner. As the Baltimore people had no delegate at Synod, the question was simply this: 1. Whether Mr. Krug shall accept the call to Frederickstown, where the congregation does not wish to recognize Mr. Schwerdfeger as its preacher, or whether, notwithstanding the dissatisfaction of some members of the Reading congregation, who, however, only constitute a small part, he shall remain in Reading, in accordance with the wishes of the majority. 2. To which congregation should Mr. Schwerdfeger be proposed, if Mr. Krug should accept the call? Without further decision of this point, the meeting for this day was ended, and after a letter of Dr. Knapp to the Ministerium had been publicly read, and the meeting closed with prayer, the United Members of the Ministerium separated.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25.

To-day, at about 8 o'clock, the synod was again opened in the name of God, and after the President had talked over various matters with the individual delegates of the congregations, during which the time passed, nothing further could be taken up before the service. About 11 o'clock, therefore, all the preachers and the delegates, most of whom were yet present, went to church, where Rev. Schwerdfeger preached an edifying sermon on the words (Luke 13: 24), "Strive to enter," etc. After the sermon, the President heartily thanked all those present in the name of the Ministerium, with so great emotion, that at last a flood of tears stopped the voice of the speaker. In the afternoon, at about 2 o'clock, the last meeting of the preachers present was opened,

at which the beginning was immediately made of a further discussion of the question of Rev. Krug's call to Frederickstown.

First two members of the Reading congregation were heard, who made known their desire to have another preacher in Mr. Krug's place. The two men were Mr. Christ. Friederichter and Mr. Schumacher. Their complaint consisted of two parts, viz.: 1. That there were dissensions in the congregation, originating with Mr. Krug. 2. They, therefore, desired in regard to their congregation a change of preachers that there might be peace.

After these men were dismissed, the Ministerium declared that in the decision of this point the three following questions were to be regarded:

1. Whether Mr. Krug was of his own free will inclined to go to Frederickstown?

2. Whether most of the members of the Reading congregation were willing to dismiss him?

3. Whether Reading could be supplied with a future preacher?

Ad. I. There is an inclination, but with the condition that no harm come from it on either side.

Ad. II. The Church Council seemed willing to let Mr. Krug go, but the opinion of the other members of the congregation is not yet known.

Ad. III. Nothing could yet be determined, but in reference to this question the new question arose: Whether Reading could not remain vacant for a while, if it (1) would not keep Mr. Krug, and (2) reject Mr. Schwerdfeger? In regard to Mr. Schwerdfeger, various Reading people have already expressed their opinion, on which account it was not considered well to urge him further upon this congregation. The decision for the present only is, that the whole matter must be postponed until after the congregation has been more accurately questioned, and the majority of votes in it ascertained, which shall be done in two or three weeks. This decision was put into writing, signed and given to the delegates from Frederickstown.

IV. For filling the congregations of Rosenthal, Albany, and Weissenberg, Mr. Schwerdfeger was proposed. Mr. Schwerdfeger (shall first visit the congregations for a short time, and then if the members consent he) shall be set before them as preacher. Here, a letter from the Frederickstowners to Senior Mühlenberg was read, which contained the reasons why the congregation desired another than Mr. Schwerdfeger. The main point merely was that before going to Europe Mr. Schwerdfeger had actually given up his call, and so the congregation was free of him.

V. Concerning the necessary removal of Mr. Frederici from the Dry

Land to another place the following decision was reached : Since the people of the Dry Land testify that they cannot well sustain a separate preacher, although they have no complaint to make against their present pastor, Mr. Frederici ; this congregation could be most conveniently served by him whom God would in some way furnish for Easton, but Mr. Frederici could be proposed to the congregation of Canegogig [MS. "Canekegek"]. Mr. Wildban herewith was commissioned to question the Canegogig congregation on this subject, and make this explanation known to it. Hereby also,

VI. The matter of the separation of the Canegogig congregation from McAllistertown is decided.

VII. Concerning the supplying of the four congregations, Schäferstadt, Warwick, Manheim and Weiseigenland, no definite answer could yet be given on account of the scarcity of laborers.

VIII. The request of the Middletown congregation further to enjoy Mr. Kuhn's services was granted, also Mr. Kuhn's desire to be freed from all other congregations except that of Middletown, on account of his need of further training in theological knowledge. The Middletowners had made their request in writing, which was read.

IX. In regard to Mr. Streit, it was decided that for the present no change be made in his station, until God would further provide for Easton and the congregations united with it.

X. In reference to the examination and ordination of the candidates present, the President first set forth the reasons why the action to be taken was necessary, the manner in which it was to be arranged, the object and appointment of those who are to be consecrated fellow-workers, and hereupon all consented and recognized the necessity of the action. Only Mr. Kuhn made objection on his own behalf, and, in order further to prepare himself, desired to be allowed as candidate to continue his former services in preaching, which he had rendered the church without further assuming regular ministerial functions, and, on this his own request, he was excluded from the number of those to be ordained. As to the other four, Messrs. Young, Streit, Fred. and Henry Mühlenberg, no further doubt was raised, 1, because they were all four known to be active, capable and skillful workers ; 2, because it was possible to put them in such places where they might at first be under good supervision ; 3, because *collaboratores ministerii* who could be sent now hither, now thither, were so necessary. The conditions determined upon and proposed to them, were : 1. They should first be strictly examined ; 2, ordained as deacons or collaborators of the Ministerium ; 3, bound by the giving of a *revers*. Hereupon the examination of the above-mentioned candidates was begun in the name of the Lord. Mr. Voigt examined first,

choosing the article of Holy Baptism, which was briefly explained by means of questions, proved by passages of Scripture read in the original text, and elucidated by the proposing of many objections. Then Mr. Krug continued the examination, first on the same article, then on the doctrine of God, His being, attributes, unity, trinity, etc. Then Mr. Kurtz, Jr., examined somewhat on Original Sin. Most of this was in German. But finally the conversation was also begun in Latin. Then the above-mentioned four candidates for the ministry were ordained in the name of the Triune God to the holy office of the ministry, into which they were, after giving a *revers*, solemnly received under the name of *collaboratores ministerii*, in the presence of, and with the consent and the laying on of hands of all the members of the Ministerium, the main ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Voigt. Finally each added a congratulation, and the act was concluded with prayer and singing. Immediately after the ordinations, the preachers held an edifying conversation with one another concerning the most certain signs of conversion to God, and the workings of grace, which was not without its benefits.

As, in considering the matters at first proposed by the preachers, most of the points brought up by the delegates were included, only a little remained for consideration, namely the following:

1. The Tulpehocken congregational circumstances were discussed. From that place a call had been sent to the President of the Ministerium, and in it most earnest request made for his own person, or if that were impossible, at least another experienced servant of God. This call was read; the opinion of all the assembled preachers was, that, 1, Senior Mühlenberg could not possibly leave Philadelphia. 2. Rev. Schultz could best accept this call. Mr. Schultz asked for quiet consideration in prayer before God before answering.

2. In regard to the request of the Providence congregation to have preaching every two weeks, the Ministerium made these propositions: 1. Barren Hill and Pikestown shall, as soon as possible, be served by a separate preacher, and then Mr. Voigt will preach in Providence every two weeks. 2. The Ministerium thinks it proper that the congregation place itself upon a better footing as to the sustenance of the preacher, and duly pay what is necessary. This decision was written, and given to the delegates of the Pikestown congregation.

3. A letter from Owen's Creek was read, in which the congregation most earnestly requested that Mr. Wildban be left with them, since he was serving them well. This was granted.

4. The place for the next Conference was decided upon, viz., Philadelphia.

5. Sen. Mühlenberg was again chosen President. All this was closed with prayer and thanksgiving, led by Rev. Mr. Stöver, and the Synod ended in the name of God.

“Lord, we wait for Thy salvation!”

TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

1771.

(SEPT. 22, 23, PHILADELPHIA.)

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, o. e. 1338 f.; n. e. II. 685 f. Mr. Helmuth to Dr. Knapp, Dec. 5, 1771.]

In closing, I must report something which is very pleasing and encouraging to me, and from which I promise myself much blessing: Last Summer I conversed with an honorable preacher of a neighboring German Reformed congregation. He talked of many circumstances concerning the Kingdom of Jesus. Among other things our conversation turned to the following: How edifying it would be for the congregations and encouraging for the ministers, if they assembled more frequently than has thus far been customary. We determined that at the next Synodical meeting, he would propose the matter to the Reformed and I to the Lutherans. Our plan was as follows: The Conferences ought to be held quarterly, and only by those preachers who live nearest together. Further, they should differ from the General Conferences [Synodical meetings] in this, that they ought to be directed not so much toward the external conditions in the congregations, as to edification and fraternal encouragement.

Our Synodical meeting fell upon the following 23d of Sept., 1771. I brought up the matter. It was approved and agreed to, as things should be in such meetings. What has been mentioned above was agreed upon, yet much more was determined, and appointed, as, *e. g.*, which of the neighboring preachers could best come together thus for mutual encouragement, and that those in whose congregation the meeting was held, should keep the minutes, and a copy should be sent to the President of the time, that he might read them at the General Conference.

TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION.

1772.

(SEPT. 27-29, LANCASTER.)

[MÜHLENBERG JOURNAL, I. 24, p. 3 ff.]

Sunday, Sept. 27. In the forenoon, the preachers present went in procession to church, where there was singing and prayer, and the service was attended to in good order, harmony and devotion. Mr. M——b——, the elder, preached on the words (Matth. 10 : 32), "Who-soever therefore shall confess me before men," etc.; "Of the glorious fruit of the confession of Jesus Christ," 1, wherein the confession consists, and, 2, what its fruit is. In the afternoon President Sen. Kurtz preached on Matth. 11 : 28 : "Come unto me, all ye," etc.; "Of the blessedness of the true Christianity." His sermon was delivered with great force and animation. In the evening P. Kuntze preached on [II] Tim. 2 : 8 : "Remember Jesus Christ," etc.; "Of the remembrance of Jesus, the Risen One," and gave 1, an exposition of the text and context; 2, an exposition of this remembrance, and 3, a description of persons who are capable of remembering; exegetical, instructive, convincing and charming. The audience at all three services to-day was very large, orderly, attentive. Each service was closed with vocal and instrumental music by the choir.

Monday, Sept. 28, in the forenoon, there was again a meeting and public service in the church, where Rev. Bager delivered a beautiful, well-conceived, logical and edifying discourse on Heb. 13 : 1 : "Let brotherly love continue." 1. Wherein it consists; 2. How it is to be continued?

After service the teachers present assembled in the upper school-house room, and were the following :

1. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., President, from Yorktown.
2. " Mühlenberg, Sen., from Philadelphia.
3. " Geeranson, Swedish P., Wicæ.
4. " Krug, preacher from Frederickstown.
5. " Kurtz, Jun., from Earltown.
6. " Schultz, from Tulpehocken.
7. " Helmuth, P. L., from Lancaster.

8. Mr. Schmitt, from Germantown.
9. " Kuntze, from Philadelphia.
10. " Bager, from Canewage.
11. " Fred. Mühlénberg, from Warwick.
12. " Frederici, from Allentown.
13. " Schwerdfeger, from L. T.
14. " Streit, from Eastown.
15. " Røeller, from Gosschehoppe.
16. " Wildban, from McCallistertown.
17. " Schwarbach, from Virginia.
18. " Ed——, from Eliesasabethtown [sic].

MEMBERS ABSENT.

1. Mr. Voigt, preacher at New Hanover.
2. " Gerock, preacher at Nuyorek [sic].
3. " Schaum, preacher on Rocky Hill.
4. " Buskerk, preacher in Macunshy.
5. " Jung, preacher in Whitehall.
6. " H. Mühlénberg, collab., in Philadelphia.

Some of the absent brethren had excused themselves, and some also had not; for such journeys to meetings of this kind require inclination and good will toward the whole matter, health, time, strength of body, clothing, horses, traveling expenses, etc., and the tenth does not always know where the shoe pinched the other eleven.

Before the first session, the matters to be discussed were first generally arranged and numbered, in the order in which they should follow each other; for the delegates from the congregations awaited anxiously, that they might soon be dismissed, and start on their journeys homeward. After this was completed, all the preachers were taken to a house, where the honorable Church Council of Lancaster had a dinner, or rather a feast prepared, to which also the preacher of the English Episcopal church was invited. Several honored members of the Church Council graciously and pleasantly waited on table, and the repast was partaken of in pleasant harmony with thanksgiving to God. During the meal nothing was heard of religious disputes or differences of opinions, but they were all healthy, gifted with good appetites and benevolence, had one heart and one stomach, and felt that God had satisfied them with pleasure.

After they had given thanks to God, who is so gracious, and had sung several stanzas of a hymn of praise, they went into the school-house room, where the delegates of the congregations also attended, and the business was transacted as follows:

1. The Protocol of the Synodical meeting of last year was presented for examination.

2. A most favorable letter of great importance from the Revd. Director, Doctor and Professor Freilinghausen, directed to the United Evangelical Ministerium in Pennsylvania, etc., was read, and unanimously *resolved*, that it be answered with due and humble thankfulness in the name of the entire Ministerium by the Rev. President, or one whom he may appoint for this.

3. The delegates present were asked whether they had any complaints to make against their respective teachers and preachers. As many as were present had nothing to complain of, but requested that they might retain their pastors, and that no changes or transfers might be made. The President now granted these delegates permission either to stay if they wished, or to return home, and bear to their congregations from the Ministerium hearty greetings and wishes of blessing.

4. A delegate from the Indianfield congregation asked both orally and in writing, whether their congregation might not be joined with the congregations in Old and New Goschewoppen, and be served from those places every third Sunday by our united fellow-laborer, Rev. R——? They had hoped indeed to unite with other vacant neighboring congregations, and to receive a preacher of their own from the United Ministerium, but as the vacant congregations had not yet come to an agreement, they would prefer to be served by our colleague from Goschewoppen, etc. Much was said and deliberated concerning the circumstances, and finally it was *resolved*, that a written statement be sent to the Goschewoppen congregations and they be petitioned to unite the forsaken Indianfield congregation with their own, and permit it to be served by their teacher. Such a recommendation was put into writing, and was given the delegate to be delivered, and also verbal information was sent that the remaining vacant congregations on the Tohecka could not at present be cared for.

5. The delegates of the congregation, or filial of New Providence and New Hanover in Peikstown, then came forward; the congregation from the beginning was considered a filial, and, at times, served from Providence or other places, since it is situated only seven miles from Providence and twelve miles from Hanover. But because the congregation in Peikstown is increasing, and after my removal the congregation in Providence has decreased, and Pastor Voigt can only serve the congregation in Providence on the fourth Sunday, and that in Peikstown also on the fourth Sunday, coming from Hanover, the people of Providence have always complained that their congregation was diminishing, and would finally go to nothing, because there was no preacher living at that

place, and the fourth Sunday was not sufficient. But the congregation at Peikstown, with its fourth Sunday, has become so numerous that their first frame church can no longer hold the audience. Those members, therefore, who live from four to six miles from Peikstown, across a stream of water, called Frantzkrick, before it was suspected, came to the sudden conclusion that they also would build a frame church. Seeing, therefore, that they, so to say, have swarmed away from the first Peikstown bee-hive, and have attached themselves to the new hive across the Frantzkrick, the question arises whether they can be cared for in the new hive, or shall be left to the roving birds of prey. Now they desire that the people of Peikstown shall share the fourth Sunday with them, and that Rev. Mr. Voigt shall hold service in the forenoon in Peikstown, and in the afternoon across the Frantzkrick, and so on alternately. Delegates from both parties were present, and presented their reasons, and much was said on the subject, but good counsel is always dear. They from Frantzkrick also requested that their new church be consecrated in four weeks. If we cannot and will not help them, then drunken vagabonds will come, and destroy young and old, and very likely also contaminate neighboring herds, for the evil always finds an easier entrance than the good. Since Rev. Mr. Voigt was not present, the delegates of both parties were dismissed with the promise that the Ministerium would write to Mr. Voigt, and ask him to investigate the matter more thoroughly.

6. The matter of the call from Lüneburg in Nova Scotia came up. It appears already from the Protocol of the last year's Synodical Conference, that the German Reformed in Lüneburg have separated from the English Episcopal Church, built a church for themselves according to their constitution, and taken a preacher, and that the German Lutherans followed their example, and also built a church, and for years already have requested our Ministerium again and again by petitions and prayers for a preacher in accord with the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and that at the Conference of 1771 Mr. Wildbahn promised to try the place in the Spring of 1772. But when the Spring of 1772 came, his six, seven, or eight scattered congregations positively refused to let him go, and since a delegate was here in the Spring to accompany Mr. W—b— to Lüneburg, and the report came that Mr. W—b— could not keep his promise, the man went away sad and chagrined, going to New York, and, as P. Gerock informed me, writing from New York Sept. 8, A. C., the man had found the still-living, little Mr. Friederich Schultz, who long ago had been sent, together with Mr. Heintzelman, to aid us, had extended the call to him, and received the promise, that he would go with him immediately to try Lüneburg. This report from Mr. Gerock's letter I communicated to the Ministerium.

With this and many other tedious matters which had been brought up, the afternoon was spent, and the evening was at hand. Service was again arranged for in the church. P. Schultz preached on I Thessalonians 4: 7, 8: "God hath not called us unto uncleanness," etc. *Of the great guilt of those who neglect the saving matters of repentance and faith: 1. How it is presented to us. 2. The great guilt of the betrayers.* Synthetical, stirring, and edifying.

Tuesday, Sept. 29. Forenoon and afternoon, there was still much business. 1. In the morning session the matter of the dispute in the congregation in Lebanon was taken up, which is too extended to be here described. The congregation has divided into two parties; the minor party adheres to Rev. St——, and assumes right and authority over the half-built church, and whoever cannot and will not side with Mr. St—— is denied a right in the church and cemetery. On the one side the Zinzendorfians, who have an organization near here, watch diligently; on the other side, the vagabonds prowl around, and seek to fish in the muddy water. The major part of the congregation has for years earnestly requested the Ministerium, that their grievances against Mr. St—— might be heard and investigated, and decided. But this could not be accomplished otherwise, *ut et audiretur altera pars*, and this not without mutual consent, for the Ministerium has no authoritative power, consequently it must have been decided before the governmental authority by a formal process, and the laws of this country have nothing to do with religious disputes or questions of the law. And if two parties desire to decide a matter of dispute by arbitration, both parties must give their consent, and obligate themselves in writing, that they will yield to the arbitrators they have chosen. The Ministerium offered such an arbitration, and the complaining party was very willing to accede, but Mr. St—— is said to have answered, he did not want to be judged by the stable-boys, etc. Finally he consented, and a committee was appointed by the Ministerium to investigate, and was sent to Lebanon. But he was unwilling to obligate himself to receive their decision, and so the whole meeting and transaction had the same form as an irregular Polish "*Reichstag*." The committee, therefore, upon the earnest request of the major party, found reason to advise Fr—— M—— to accept of and serve them, because he lived nearest. But Mr. St—— behaved, as the fable says, like the dog on the hay-stack; he could not enjoy the hay himself, and did not want to let the cow near. Briefly, since he would not give up the church, our people spoke to the Reformed, asking them for permission to use their church, and were there served by Frederick Mühlenberg, now and then, as his other congregational engagements permitted him. But what the delegates of the larger party wanted this

time consisted of two points: (*a*) that we should exclude Mr. St—— from the United Ministerium, (*b*) or consent that they might open the Lutheran church forcibly and hold their services in it. Neither of these was the Ministerium willing to grant and advise, but resolved to send a letter to Mr. St——, and in it remonstrate with him, that it might be well to open the church to the large party opposed to him, to be used on those Sundays when he with his small party did not use it, and at his pleasure he might retain the right in it when the others had no service.

2. Several delegates from Reading handed to the Ministerium a letter signed by various names, and also declared their request orally, namely: After P. Krug moved from Reading to Frederickstown, in Maryland, some hostile persons who were embittered against P. Krug and the United Ministerium, had obtained possession of the church and appurtenances, by all means subtle and otherwise had drawn the unintelligent multitude to their side, and taken a self-constituted preacher, who was not rightfully ordained, and had resolved that none belonging to the United Ministerium should be permitted to preach in the church; and that whoever would not hold to them (the irregular crowd), and their preacher, should have no share in the church and burial place, etc. Since twenty heads of families remain who received blessing to their souls from P. Krug's services, have always held to the United Ministerium, and wish to hold to it, and therefore have until now endured countless slanders, abuse and persecution, and must even do without the means of grace, because they will not bow the knee before Baal, etc., so the question of conscience is herewith put to the Rev. Ministerium, whether they can and shall conscientiously remain unvisited and unserved? They, therefore, desire and petition that the United Ministerium help them, and visit them alternately, hold service in the court-house about every two weeks, and thereby furnish the means of grace until the rude people come to their senses, and their leaders again become reasonable, etc. The Ministerium debated a long time, and finally decided, that the forsaken and persecuted souls must be assisted for conscience sake, but the question was: Who can, who shall, who will do it? it will cause abuse and suffering, and each member of the Ministerium has almost more trouble than he can carry; most of the members live far away, etc. The delegates urgently requested that P. Krug, seeing that he was so near, be appointed and ordered by the Ministerium to go with them, and preach next Sunday in the court-house at Reading. P. Krug was also very willing to do so, if it be advised and approved by the Ministerium. But it was not at all considered advisable, since without any blame on his part, he has already been the apple of discord there, and

his visit might only increase the bitterness. Finally the votes fell upon P. Kuntze, that as a courageous and fresh hero, he should bring of the water of the well at Bethlehem. I Chron. 12 [11]: 17, 18.

He also immediately declared that he was willing and ready to do it if Pastor Krug would in the meantime go to Philadelphia, and on next Sunday assist young Henry Mühlenberg in conducting the service there. To this he assented, and since delegates were present who requested that they might also share in the alternating visits of the Ministerium in Reading, because one small congregation is seven miles, and the other twelve miles distant from that place, and the latter was formerly served by P. Krug from Reading as a filial, they were promised that Dr. Kuntze, D. V., would preach on next Friday in one filial, on Saturday in the other, and on Sunday in Reading, and other neighboring members of the Ministerium would continue the visits alternately.

3. A delegate appeared from vacant congregations in a region situated between the boundaries of Pennsylvania and Virginia in Maryland, and called by the Indian name Cannegotschick. These congregations Sen. Kurtz visited now and then, and administered to them the means of grace. This district is said to be very populous and to abound in various sorts of sectarian agitators. The delegate presented a petition for an able teacher and pastor, and said to me privately that they desired the older Mr. Kurtz; but if this could not be, they would like to have Friederich Mühlenberg or the younger Mr. Kurtz. I answered him that my son Friederich already lived eighty miles from me, and if he should go much farther, I could expect little or no assistance from him in my weary old age. He should only make no report of it. The President proposed his brother, Mr. Kurtz, Jun., which is quite natural and kind, if one cares for his own, and can at the same time help the public interests. We all agreed to the proposition, and Mr. Kurtz accepted it on the following conditions: (a) He would first visit the congregations and learn whether they all would vote for him, because small success is to be expected, if the audience have no affection for a teacher. (b) Much depended upon the consent of the members of the Ministerium, which must be given. (c) If his present congregations were willing, and could again be supplied with a pastor in his place. The Ministerium gave its unanimous approval, and decided that Mr. Schw—— be proposed in the congregations of Mr. Kurtz, Jun. A letter was also dispatched to the congregations in Cannegotschick, in which it was reported that Mr. Kurtz, Jun., would come up in four weeks, D. V., and would make a trial.

4. A letter from the Church Council of the High German congregation in New York, sent to the United Ministerium here, was read, in

which they requested that an exchange might be effected with their preacher, etc., because their congregation was weak, poor, and, in addition, still in debt on account of the church building, and could no longer raise the salary promised for a preacher with a family. The preacher of that place had also sent a letter, and in it had excused himself in a friendly manner, that because of the invitation he would gladly have attended, but because of the great distance, the number of the sick and of funerals in his congregation, and also of the lack of money to pay traveling expenses, he could not be present, but he requested that the Rev. Ministerium keep in mind his circumstances, and effect a change of pastorates for him before Winter. The members of the Ministerium considered it necessary and advisable to propose and recommend him to the vacant congregations at New Germantown and Bedminster in Jersey. Since he at any rate let it be understood, that he might labor and remain in this part of the world only a few years more, and then return with his family to Europe, his Fatherland, and as the aged Mb—— himself could no longer serve the Jersey congregations, and also could no longer let his sons serve there, it might suit well for our brother, who is so anxious to leave New York. Pastor Schmidt from Germantown was asked whether he was willing to exchange with the brother in New York. He answered: Yes, if the congregations were on both sides satisfied, he had no objections. Since the congregations in Jersey have the right of electing their preacher by a majority of votes, they intended to propose Mr. Schmidt beside another [candidate] for election. But he was unwilling, because he would be incapacitated for the amount of riding that would be needed. Our blessed Father Luther had to ride to Worms without breeches and boots, [?] and if we will be really Lutheran, we must also learn to do the same, or we shall not be regarded orthodox.

5. Our country preacher, Mr. Schwb——, from Virginia, complained that he was getting older and weaker, and was troubled so much by far-distant congregations in Virginia, that he was expected to visit and serve them fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty to one hundred miles away, but could not endure it. Up to the present time, he still dwells in Culpepper, in the congregation which the late P. Klug served, and which many years ago sent collectors to Europe and gathered some thousand pounds,¹ which they brought along, and for it they bought an estate, and procured negro slaves to work the land, and sustained the preacher from its products. He said that he lived on a portion of this church property, and the rest, together with the slaves, the deacons of the congregation had rented out, and received £50 rent yearly, which £50 they

¹ Transcript of Collection Book in part, in Archives of Ministerium.

gave him for salary, but he could not live on that, and requested that we admonish the deacons and elders, that they contribute something in the congregation, and also, if possible, appoint a young assistant, who could serve the far-distant congregations, then he would remain in this old congregation alone.

The Ministerium *resolved*, that a letter be addressed to Peter Mühlenberg, who lives only sixty miles away, with the request that he go thither to investigate the circumstances and report on the subject.

6. A delegate from a small congregation requested that they might now and then be served by Friedr. Mühlenberg, because it is only seven miles from Manheim, and the region is called "*Mondschein*," as the delegate said. The otherwise shrewd old Germans spoil the English language, and in time produce a third, which is neither English nor German. The region is said to be also called in English Mount Joy (*Freudenberg*), and from this our Germans get "*Mondschein*," because the sound is somewhat similar, as they also call the King's Agent, viz., in English King's Attorney, the King's "*Saturnus*," because they find the word in the calendar, and the sound is almost identical with "Attorney." If then the German preachers do not learn the English to some extent, they very readily fall into the third language, from the "*Mondschein*" into the "*Saturnus*."—The proposition was referred to Friedr. Mühlenberg; because his little congregations already are far apart, he has much riding to do, and at times must ride as gorgeously as Dr. Luther to Worms.

7. Letters from certain small English congregations were handed in and read, in which they earnestly requested that they might occasionally be visited and be provided with the means of grace by our brother, Mr. Streit, of Easttown. It was resolved in this matter, to send a letter to the Easttown elders and deacons, which was done.

Since now the day was spent with the above and similar arduous business, we hastened to the end, and unanimously re-elected by a majority of votes, Mr. Kurtz, Sen., as Præses Ministerii, and resolved that, D. V., the next Synodical Meeting be held in Philadelphia.

The need of a better plan for future Synodical Meetings, and of a code of rules, was also suggested. Formerly I used only general rules according to the circumstances of the time and conditions, and thought, with Jacob (Gen. 33: 13, 14), "My Lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me; and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die." However, it is well and right to prepare an Order better suited to the circumstances. It were foolish, if a poor father were to insist that his children of twenty to thirty years old should still wear such clothes as only suit

for children three, six, nine years old. I requested Pastor Kuntze to be so kind as to outline a better plan together with suitable rules, in order to accomplish so necessary, beneficial and useful an object.

After the meeting was dismissed by the President with prayer and singing, we went to the church in the evening and heard the Swedish pastor Göransson preach in English on Luke 5: 1-11. He first explained the text, making annotations and drawing instructive *porismata*, and finally treated very clearly the main doctrine of the fishing of men. He showed, 1, the entire profession, science, practice, exposition, wisdom, shrewdness, advantages, etc., in which the fisher of men must be well experienced and practiced; 2, the many kinds of fish, their serpent-like tricks, places of concealment, wiles, and movements, to escape the net, or to tear through it when already caught in it, or also artfully to eat the worm from the hook, without swallowing the hook, or if they have already swallowed the hook, to bite off the line, and escape with the swallowed hook, etc. In a word, it was very instructive, ingenious and suggestive for preacher and hearers, for fisher and fish, who understood English. After the sermon, Pastor Helmuth stepped before the altar, offered an impressive prayer, rendered most humble thanks to the Highest Benefactor in the name of our Most High Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ, for the immeasurable love, goodness, grace, mercy, long-suffering and patience, toward all children of men, toward His entire Kingdom of Grace, in all parts of the inhabited world, prayed especially for all upright laborers among heathen, Jews and Christians, for our dear fathers and friends and benefactors, for all children of God, as also for blessing in our United Congregations, for the laborers in them, and especially for the congregation entrusted to him in Lancaster. He also rendered loving thanks to the members of the Ministerium and the delegates still present, and dismissed us with the blessing of the Lord! Amen! Halleluia! the Devil may lie, slander and rage against it, as long as he has time and permission.

TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

1773.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(June 12, 13, 14, 15, Philadelphia).

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The Synodical Meeting for this year was appointed and announced by Mr. Kurtz, Sen., President, for the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th of June A.C.

In accordance with this the brethren gradually assembled as follows:

1. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., President, from Yorktown.
2. " Schultz, from Tolpehaken.
3. " Helmuth, from Lancaster.
4. " Kurtz, Jun., from Earltown.
5. " Friedrich August Mühlenberg, from Heidelbergtown.
6. " Magister Gœransson, Swedish pastor from Wicacoa.
7. " Stöver, from the Lebanon district.
8. " Wildbahn, from McCallistertown, across the Susquehanna.
9. " Bager, from Canewaga, across the Susquehanna.
10. " Buskerk, from Macunshy.
11. " Young, from Whitehall.
12. " Streit, from Easttown.
13. " Røeller, from Goscehoppen.
14. " Schmidt, from Germantown.
15. " Schwerdfeger, from Limetown.
16. " Heinrich Mühlenberg, Jun.
17. " Kuntze, from Philadelphia.
18. " Hartwig, extra ord.
19. " Heinrich Mühlenberg, Sen.

Brethren absent were: 1. Rev. P. Voigt; 2. Krug; 3. Schaum; 4. Friederici; 5. Schwarbach; 6. Enderlin; 7. M. Gerock.

DELEGATES.

1. From Lancaster; 2. Yorktown; 3. Germantown; 4. Earltown; 5. Tolpehaken; 6. New York; 7. Tohickon; 8. From Canegochick in Maryland; 9. From Dry Land, in Northampton County, etc.

Since Pastor Helmuth arrived several days earlier, by request he

held a service in St. Michael's Church on Thursday evening, June 10. The sermon was on the fortieth and forty-first verses of the third chapter of the Lamentations of Jeremiah: "Let us seek and try our ways [being] . . . unto God in the heavens."

1. Trinity Sunday, early, June 12, the preachers present assembled in the parsonage, and went, some to St. Michael's, but the greater part to Zion's Church.

a. In St. Michael's Church, Mr. Wildbahn preached on Rom. 8: 28: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God," etc., and presented: "The special care of the children of God." 1. What God's children are. 2. How God cares for them. Illustrated with examples from the Old and New Testament.

b. In Zion's Church Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., p. t. Præses Ministerii, preached on a portion of the Gospel for the day, Luke 16: 19 seqq., and presented to the numerous assemblage, "The deceived sinner:" how he deceives himself in his service of sin, 1, concerning his true freedom; 2, concerning all happiness he has gained. It was a very powerful, stirring, and touching discourse, so that many hearers wept, and the floor was moistened as though by a shower. H. Mühlenberg, Sen., served as deacon, and baptised some children in Zion's.

In the afternoon, Pastor Helmuth held instruction for children in St. Michael's, because it is his great pleasure to catechise the children. Mr. Bager preached before a large assembly in Zion on the lesson for to-day, I John 4: 16 seqq.: "Of love," 1, its source or origin; 2, character; and 3, fruit; it was orderly, logical, clear and fluent.

In the evening Mr. Schultz preached in Zion's. Because this was the first time he visited here since his removal from Philadelphia, and old love and curiosity and such causes may have had their influence, the assemblage was very crowded, and was instructed and edified from I John 5: 4, "Of the overcoming of the world as a sure mark of a true Christian," and in it he systematically, instructively and practically showed: 1. Wherein the overcoming of the world consists; 2. The strength it demands; 3. How it is a mark of a true Christian. Closed with vocal music.

Monday, June 13, at 8 o'clock, all the preachers present assembled in the school-room, where the President Kurtz, Sen., opened with a fervent prayer, and then the following matters were selected and appointed for discussion:

1. A letter from four United Congregations in the Canegoschick district in Maryland, in which they petition for Freiderich Mühlenberg as their preacher and pastor, because Mr. Kurtz, Jun., who had been

appointed for the place at the preceding Synodical Meeting, could not get along well.

2. A petition from congregations in Indianfield and Tohicon for a preacher who would suit their conditions, because they do not as yet have a parsonage and can raise only a small salary, and would like to have a gifted preacher.

3. The petition of two delegates of a congregation which Mr. Friederici has served for several years, being satisfied with what they could and would willingly give him. But when out of need and want, he had asked something definite, some misunderstanding arose and he gave up the congregation. They therefore beg that until better provision be made, their congregation be occasionally visited and served with the sacraments by one of our fellow-laborers from Easttown.

4. A letter from Albany, in the Province of New York, in which they describe their lamentable condition in regard to the Evangelical religion, and pray that one of our Ministerium may come thither to visit and investigate. They would pay the traveling expenses and give him a call for a preacher from our Ministerium.

5. A letter and delegates from the small congregation in Peikstown, across Frantz Creek, requesting to be served with the means of grace since P. Voigt does not serve them, and the other half of the filial was not willing to let him do it. (*Vide* Protocol of the Synodical Meeting of 1772.)

6. Petition from the small forsaken party in Readingtown for a visit and service in the court-house.

7. The Plan and Constitution for the establishment of a German Seminary and Society in Philadelphia, founded by Pastor Kuntze, is to be read to the Ministerium.

8. The necessary provision for Rev. Mr. Schw—f—, because he has no place, has a wife and five children, and does not have what his body needs.

9. A letter from Lancaster through their delegates.

From 10 to 12 o'clock, we had service in Zion's. Mr. Kurtz, Jun., preached on Luke 16: 20–22, "Of the importance of death:" 1, in view of that which precedes; 2, of death itself; 3, and in consideration of that which follows.

In the afternoon, from 2 to 7 o'clock, the preachers and delegates were assembled in the school-room, with the following result:

a. Concerning No. 3, the delegates from the so-called "Dry Land" were heard. But, since Rev. Mr. Friederici was not present, and it is only fair that the word of the other party be also heard, it was *resolved*, that our united fellow-laborer in Easttown at an opportune time visit the

said congregation, serve it in case of need, and find out more of the circumstances and make report thereon.

b. Concerning No. 1, the letter from Canegoschick was read, and the delegate heard. The entire Ministerium testified unanimously that it was necessary to appoint a preacher for the populous district. The President, therefore, asked Friederich Mühlenberg whether he would accept the call which was directed especially to him? Friederich Mühlenberg answered, if his father thought proper and approved it, and the Rev. Ministerium appointed a preacher for his present congregations, he was not opposed. His father answered, that his son's year was not up until December, and in that time the circumstances might, through God's guidance, become clearer, and that he might, in the meantime, again visit the congregations, and preacher and congregations learn to know each other better.

c. No. 5, concerning the small congregation in Peikstown, no decision could be made, because P. Voigt was not present. However, upon the urgent request of the delegates it was promised that they should occasionally be visited and served, until further arrangements.

d. No. 2. Reply was made to the delegate from the Tobicon and Indianfield congregations, that our fellow-laborer living nearest to them in Goschepoppen would, D. V., as soon as possible, visit them, and serve them with the means of grace, until we could see how matters will go in future. When the appeal for help is urgent, and one is incapable of responding, he must be saddened and discouraged, if he have these matters at heart. Well-meaning members in the congregation would like to see order and a spread of Christianity. They put themselves to trouble and urgently petition the Ministerium for such preachers as are suited to their circumstances; the Ministerium is willing to help, but cannot. Then the rude mass goes ahead and hires such preachers after their own kind by the year or half year, etc., for a low price, and the results can be readily seen.

e. No. 4. After the reading of the letter from Albany, Rev. Mr. Hartwig, who happened to be present, was requested to explain the conditions in that place, since he had been there for a time. He explained them from his point of view, and said they were miserable enough. But as in the letter the congregations lying about the city of Albany were not included, which also have need of services, he thought that the Lutherans in the city could not support a preacher without being united with the nearest country congregations. However, their letter was to be answered by the President.

f. No. 6. Concerning the small party in Readingtown, which has so far held to our Ministerium and been alternately visited and served by

the neighboring members since the resolution of last year's Synodical Meeting, service being held in the court-house under much annoyance and abuse from the opposite party; much was spoken *pro* and *contra*, and the majority of the votes amounted to this, that with such visits the gap was only widened, rather than healed, and the good purpose was not accomplished, especially since it was scarcely possible that both parties, if they were united, could suitably support a preacher, to say nothing, if the small party were to support its own preacher and build a separate church: and then we had no preacher left who would be able and willing to put himself between such claspings. Accordingly, nothing farther could be promised, except that if any family were in extreme need and desired consolation, they might send word to one or other of the neighboring members of our Ministerium and expect assistance.

g. A copy of an original letter written by Pastor Gerock in New York to his Church Council, was read in the meeting, in which he states that he had accepted an honorable call from an Evangelical German congregation in the newly-founded city of Baltimore, in Maryland, and now desired to resign his office in Christ Church and congregation in New York, if they would fill certain conditions. As none of the Ministerium had any objections to make, it was considered a friendly notice from the New York Church Council, and embodied in this Protocol. A delegate from the said Church Council in New York, who was present, found himself compelled to explain the said certain conditions, in order that the assembled Ministerium might not conceive the suspicion that the Church Council and congregation had unfairly overreached or defrauded Mr. Gerock, but that they were ready and willing to fulfill their rightful promises.

h. No. 7. Pastor Kuntze read to the meeting the plan and certain fundamental principles and rules of the Society and the German Seminary founded by him in Philadelphia, and desired a reply, namely, whether the Rev. Ministerium approved the articles referring to it, and to this end would elect and appoint a Procurator?

The bell having given the first signal for the evening service, the answer was postponed until to-morrow, and only some conference held concerning the provision for Rev. Mr. Schw—f—. 1. Question concerning the vacant congregations in Indianfield and on the Tohicon. Answer: The delegate from there had privately said, that many in those congregations had no liking for him [*i. e.*, Mr. Schw—], and could not raise, much less force, sufficient salary for him. 2. In case Friederich Mühlberg should accept the call to Canegoschick, whether Mr. Schwerdfeger might not succeed him in the congregations which will then become

vacant? Or if the fellow-worker, Mr. R——, from Goscehoppen, succeed Friederich, whether Mr. Schwerdfeger might not be put into his place in Goscehoppen? Answer: It would depend upon a trial, but the Ministerium could do no more than propose, and the congregations had the right of choosing, and would not permit any one to be forced upon them against their will and approval. 3. Rev. Messrs. R—— and W—— said that there was still room, work and bread among their congregations across the Susquehanna, if he would decide to move thither. 4. A district named Schamokin was talked of, whither a large number of families are moving to settle. 5. No less also of the filial in Peikstown, but the little congregation alone cannot support a preacher with his family. 6. Further also of Albany and Virginia. But of what benefit are all such propositions based only on conjectures, since it is not known whether the congregations are suitable for the preacher, or the preacher is pleasing to the congregations? And a preacher with a family cannot without injury and loss move hither and thither. If the matter is deferred for a long time and the preacher is without work and bread, on what shall he and his family live in the meantime, since there is no institution yet where a poor chargeless preacher could be lodged in case of need?

i. No. 9. Finally, the letter handed in by the honorable Church Council in Lancaster was read, in which request is made that the Synodical Meeting to be held next year be appointed to meet at Lancaster, because, D. V., their new organ would then be finished and played for the first time. The President closed with prayer.

In the evening Mr. Magister Streit preached in Zion's on Micah 6: 8, "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good," etc, and from it presented: 1. The duties which God the Lord demands of us. 2. The motives for doing them.

Tuesday, June 14, early, at 7 o'clock, the members of the Rev. Ministerium assembled in the upper school-room.

After our President offered prayer, the following matters were taken up:

a. 1. Henry Mühlenberg, Sr., explained how matters stood with the sacred foundation of His Excellence, Count S. R; 2. Showed the document, its settlement upon the Honorable Directors of the Orphan Institution in Glaucha, and their successors as also co-administrators in England; 3. The authorization of the Directors given to two Mandatarii, namely, M—b— and Sch——; 4. How much of this legacy has already arrived, when, how and where it has been loaned upon security and interest; 5. And that the use of the interest alone, according to the plan of the great foundation, depends upon the appointment and prescription of the Directors and Trustees.

b. Henry Mühlenberg, Sen., read in the meeting an authoritative plan concerning a necessary “œconomical” Orphan Institution in the country, for aged, helpless, poor United Preachers, school teachers, their widows and orphans, and asked all to give their opinion on the subject. They all unanimously agreed that such an institution in the country would be very necessary, useful and comforting, wished that the Most Gracious Father in Heaven grant His most gracious favor, and through His heart-ruling power, furnish ways and means thereto ! Also promised that each would contribute his mite from his scanty support. And since a beginning has already been made for a German Seminary in Philadelphia, capable subjects might be prepared there in the necessary languages and knowledge, etc., and some of the most capable and promising be received into such institution, further instructed and practised in theoretical and practical divinity, and, under God’s assistance, be set apart and prepared as school teachers, catechists and country preachers, as also for “œconomie.”

c. It was stated, that in the last letters from Europe the Honorable Fathers were pleased to let it be understood, that Henry Mühlenberg, Sen., undertake a journey to Ebenezer, in Georgia, and seek to fulfill a commission; it was asked, what their opinion was in regard to the matter ?

It was approved by almost all, and believed that obedience was better than sacrifice, etc.

d. H. Mühlenberg, Sen., read a memorial from the Honorable Directorium of the Pennsylvania Mission in Halle, in which among other things report is made as follow :

	Rthl.	Sgr.
1769. In January, His Excellence Baron v. Greiffenpheil presented for the aid of the preachers in Pennsylvania	10	
1770. In April, His Princely Highness of Wernigerode sent for the use of the preachers in Pennsylvania	10	
1771. In February, the Baron of Greiffenpheil sent for the preachers and congregations in Pennsylvania, without further directions 17 rtl. 16 gr. ; therefore, for the preachers half	8	20
1771. In March, His Princely Highness of Wernigerode sent for the preachers in Pennsylvania	10	
1771. In May, Mr. Ehrhard, of Herrenberg presented to them	24	16
Summa	63	12

Since twenty preachers had, upon earnest invitation, taken pains to come willingly to this Synodical Conference, and taken the traveling expenses from their own scanty allowances and exerted their bodily strength, the aforesaid aid was due especially to them, and accordingly the 63rdth., 12 gr. were reckoned as being equal to 15£ 17 sh. 6d. curr., and divided into twenty equal parts, so that each received 15 sh. 10½ pence.

Various results showed themselves during this convention, namely :

a. A general humble thankfulness toward the Most Gracious God and benevolent benefactors, who not only remember the distant poor and, before the world, despised servants, in their prayers before the gracious throne of God ; but also are pleased kindly to remember their necessities.

b. It was no less touching that several of our beloved fellow-laborers who live far away in districts where good medicines are rare in cases of necessity, asked that they (namely six brethren) might have as their portions some of the Halle medicines for their aid. Two I required to take their portion in money, because I knew that things went poorly with them, and that they must pay their home journey with it. The other twelve members also showed their kindness of heart and thankfulness toward God and our noble benefactors, in that they considered it an especial refreshment if they spent their portions for a still poorer and more needy institution, namely, they gave them to the newly founded German Seminary here in Philadelphia, which 12 parts at 15 sh. 10½ p., made 9£ 10 sh. 6d. curr., and were handed over, as the receipt shows.

c. Pastor Kuntze repeated the question, whether the Rev. Ministerium would be in connection with the Seminary, according to the plan as made, appoint a Procurator, recommend the Seminary in their districts and send whatever gifts might be received to the Procurator. Answer : Yes. Then Mr. Friedrich Rohl, in Philadelphia, was nominated and elected Procurator.

f. The Synodical Meeting for next time, D. V., was appointed to meet at Lancaster, and

g. Heinrich Mühlenberg, Sen., was chosen President of the United Ministerium Evangelicum by a majority of votes, and the conference closed with earnest prayer and thanksgiving by President Kurtz, Sen.

Thence the members of the Rev. Ministerium went to Zion's Church, because the first public examination of thirteen seminary students was to be held there, namely to-day forenoon, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

In the evening a final service was held in Zion's Church, where Frederick Mühlenberg preached on I John 5: 20, and presented:

“The Sinner Favored of Grace.” 1. The receiving of grace itself. 2. The happiness following it.

After the sermon H. Mühlenberg, Sen., briefly thanked the members of the Rev. Ministerium and wished them a safe journey to their respective homes.—Amen.

MEMORANDUM.

To Messrs. Bager and Schwerdfeger I gave their portions, 15 sh. 10½d. each, making 1£ 11 sh. 9d. to Messrs. Schmid, in Germantown, and Jung, in Whitehall, each a Halle Hymn Book, with notes @ 10 sh.; each, therefore, still has due him 5 sh. 10½d.; and four members remain to be paid, namely Messrs. Krug, Kurtz, Jun., Wildbahn and Stöver, who want medicine for their portions.

TWENTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION.

1774.

[SEPTEMBER, LANCASTER.]

I.

[MÜHLENBERG'S JOURNAL, MS., Voyage to Georgia, 1774-1775, p. 31.]

[MS. LETTER IN MÜHLENBERG'S JOURNAL, Sept. 1772, to June, 1774, dated June 13, 1774.]

I will lay your (church and congregation in Charlestown) request before our Synodical Meeting of the United Rev. Ministerium of this year, and recommend it as best I can, but regret that the Convention cannot be held before next September, D. V.

II.

. . . . I completed the materials for the next Synodical Conference, wrote my last will, because of my children, and wrote to P. Kurtz, Sen., requesting him to take my place as President at the next Ministerial Meeting in Lancaster.

TWENTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION.

1775.

[OMITTED.]

[MÜHLENBERG'S JOURNAL, 1774-1775, pp. 697-8.]

On Saturday, June 10, I received letters from Philadelphia, from my sick wife, etc., with anxious request that I must come home without delay, because my son Frederick from New York, the Rev. Messrs. Helmuth from Lancaster, and Kurtz, Jun., from Earltown had arrived. The reason for her urgent summons was that, at the last year's Synodical Meeting in Lancaster, it was decided that the members would meet at this time in June at Philadelphia. But as the war disturbances had intervened, when I was consulted by our President, Mr. Kurtz, I did not regard it advisable and suitable, for reasons satisfactory to me. But because of the shortness of the interval, this had not been made known to all the brethren.

TWENTY-NINTH CONVENTION.

1776.

[OCTOBER 6 FF., YORKTOWN.]

I.

[MÜHLENBERG'S JOURNAL, 1776-1777.]

Saturday, Sept. 28, I wrote extracts from my diaries, and made copies [of papers] of last year and this, to send to the Preacher Conference with my sons. . . .

Monday, Sept. 30, continued writing, had a brief visit from Rev. Mr. Henop, from Friedrichstown in Maryland, who said that our brother, Rev. Mr. Krug, was suffering with consumption, and was very miserable. In the afternoon, a visit by Rev. Mr. Voigt, who excused himself, saying that he could not journey to the Conference in Yorktown. . . . Toward evening my son, Henry M—b—, arrived here from Philadelphia, to continue his journey across Tolpehoken, to Yorktown to the Preacher's Conference, in company with his brother, Frederick M—b—.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, my sons Frederick and Henry started early.

Thursday, Oct. 10. . . . In the evening Frederick and Henry M—b— again returned safely from the Preacher Conference in Yorktown by way of Tolpehoken, and brought their sister, Mrs. Schultz, along; they also brought my written extracts of my Voyage, Diary and Housebook. The assembled preachers at the Conference this time were the following: 1. Messrs. Kurtz, President. 2. P. Helmuth. 3. Kurtz, Jun. [cancelled]. 4. Friedr. Mb. 5. Henrich Mb, Jun. 6. Rev. Wildbahn. 7. Catechist Enderley. 8. Rev. Müller. 9. Rev. Gering.

II.

[HALLESCHER NACHRICHTEN, o. e. 1413; n. e. II. 733.]

Rev. Göhring received ordination from our Ministerium at Yorktown [1776].

THIRTIETH CONVENTION.

1777.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

[MAY 25 P. M., NEW HANOVER.]

[MÜHLENBERG'S JOURNAL, 1776-1777].

Friday, May 23, . . . Mr. Kurtz, Sen., our President, had arrived and was very tired. In the afternoon, I also had the pleasure of talking with Rev. Mr. Goering, who had arrived in company with the President. He serves some seven small congregations across the Susquehanna, the main congregation of which is in the town of Carlisle. He had received his theological education from Pastor Helmuth, in Lancaster, and ordination in Yorktown, is an active and promising worker, so far without a family, but already complains of his chest, which is not to be wondered at, because he has much preaching and catechising to do in much scattered congregations, and must travel by day and night in all kinds of weather, and must be satisfied with coarse country fare, to which he indeed is not as unaccustomed as one who has studied in Europe must be, because he is at home here, and used to the conditions of the country. To-day the cannons along the Delaware fired alarm guns, because the British war vessels are said to be sixty miles from Philadelphia, near New Castle, and to have threatened to burn the town of New Castle. The *Ruder galeeren* [galleys] were also ordered to go down.

Saturday, May 24, about noon, Frederick Mühlenberg and his sister Mary Sw——, etc., arrived in a carriage from Providence, brought the Protocol of last year's Conference and a few lines from Pastor Schultze, stating that he could not attend Conference this time. The sad conditions caused by the war and the difficulty of providing traveling expenses will occasion a very meagre attendance of preachers. Major Sw[ayne] came along in the carriage and has a high fever, lodges upstairs in the parsonage. Frederick M——b——also brought a letter along from Reading, directed to the Ministerium and signed by the deacons and elders, namely, Messrs. Christoffet, Witman, Andreas, Engel, Henrich Hahn, Henrich Gossler, Michael Rosch, Matthæus Braun, Carl Schwartz, Friedrich Rapp, George Schultz, Heinrich Wolf and Conrad Braun, dated May 17, 1777. In it they petition for a

faithful pastor, if possible, Frederick M—b—. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Lehman arrived from the congregations on the Jordan. Our beloved President Kurtz, who can no longer endure riding, undertook this time to come the long distance by horse, but suffered much in consequence in his foot with swelling and gout, which attacks him so violently that he will hardly be able to preach to-morrow.

Trinity Sunday, May 25, it fell to my lot to preach in Zion's, which I was unwilling to do, because I had not prepared for it. Rev. Mr. Müller preached in St. Michael's, where Pastor Kuntze was also present. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Goering preached in Zion's, and in the evening, Mr. Lehman. The texts were: *a.* in Zion's, John 3: 1 seqq. Prop.: "A conversation between the Messiah and a prominent Pharisee concerning the way to salvation." 1. The character of the conversing persons; 2. The contents of the conversation; *b.* In St. Michael's Church, text, John 3: 36. "He that believeth on the Son," etc.; *c.* In the afternoon in Zion's, text II Cor. 7: 10. "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation," etc.; *d.* In the evening in Zion's, text, John 16: 20. "Verily, verily I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament," etc. Towards evening, we visited our President Kurtz in his room with Mr. Burghard. The poor brother suffers unusually acute pain in his foot, and can neither lie nor stand. In the evening after the last sermon, some preachers were together a short time, and in the spirit of love criticised somewhat each other's sermons.

Monday, May 26, from 9 to 1 o'clock, the following ministers met: 1. Rev. Messrs. Schmidt; 2. Kuntze; 3. Frederick Mb.; 4. Henr. Mb.; 5. Goering; 6. Lehman; 7. Müller; 8. Schröder, and 9. I. The President could not attend, because his painful disease increases, the swelling is already drawing into the knee and farther up into the back.

In the afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock, the same persons were again assembled. In the forenoon I had opportunity to write and send a few lines to Prs. M—b—.

Tuesday, May 27, the ministers, Mr. Schmidt excepted, met again from 9 to 1 o'clock. I went to Mr. Kessler beforehand and requested that he appoint some one to watch with P. Kurtz, because he is very ill and is suffering great pain. Yesterday I handed to the preachers 50 rth., that is £12 10 sh. currency, from the Halle Treasury to be divided among themselves, and to-day I handed to Mr. Kuntze the 50 rth., that is, £12 10 sh. from a benefactor for the use of the school, and £1 10 sh. as the gifts of his friends in Germany. In the evening I gave my general account of the legacy of Count S. R. to examine. Before the preachers separated—*a.* Mr. Lehman's license was extended for some congregations in Shamokin; *b.* Mr. Schröder at the request of Mr. Kuntze was

examined, but very leniently, and afterwards received a license, that he might administer the sacraments in the Barren Hill congregation, as also in the Philadelphia congregation, if the Philadelphia preachers asked him. I had many doubts and fears concerning this, which I in part disclosed to Mr. Kuntze. But he insisted strongly upon it and wrote the license himself. Finally Mr. Kurtz, Sen., was again unanimously chosen President, and the next Synodical Meeting appointed for the first Sunday after Trinity, 1778, in New Hanover.

THIRTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

1778.

[OCTOBER 4 F. F., NEW HANOVER.]

I.

[MÜHLENBERG'S JOURNAL, 1778.]

On Sunday, October 4, I was unable to go to church. In the forenoon the President, Mr Kurtz, preached. The preachers present dined with Mr. Swayne. In the afternoon Pastor Schultze preached.

Monday, October 5, in the forenoon, Mr. Schröter preached. After the sermon all the preachers and delegates present were taken to the schoolhouse and refreshed with a meal. From there they all went to the parsonage and held the first session. The members present were: 1, Mr. Kurtz, Præses; 2, Mr. Kurtz, Jun.; 3, Mr. Schultze; 4, Mr. Helmuth; 5, Mr. Schmid; 6, Mr. Kuntze; 7, Mr. Fred, Mühlenberg; 8, Mr. Henr. Mühlenberg; 9, Mr. Buschkerk; 10, Mr. Röller; 11, Mr. Goering; 12, Mr. Enderlin; 13, Mr. Lehman; 14, Mr. Schröter; 15, Mr. Frantz; 16, Mr. Hendrich; 17, Mr. Voigt; 18, and the Super-numerarius, Henry Mühlenberg, Sen. They went over the Ministerial Constitution, reluctantly contracted it and amended it by a majority vote. In the evening they examined the three young men, Messrs. Lehman, Schröter and Frantz, and resolved, by a majority vote, that Messrs. Lehman and Schröter be ordained, D. V., to-morrow, and Mr. Frantz be granted a license.

Tuesday, October 6, they finished the Ministerial Constitution, deliberated concerning the supplying of the vacant congregations and decided that Mr. Goering should serve the congregation in Reading, Mr. Kurtz, Jun., the congregations of the late Mr. Schaum and Mr. Schröter, Manheim, etc. All the preachers took dinner with Frederick Mühlenberg. In the afternoon they had trouble with a man from Gernsheim, who had set up as a preacher, etc. Afterwards they completed the Ministerial Constitution. Messrs. Helmuth, Kuntze and Schmid said they could not stay longer and went away. Afterwards it was decided how prayers should be offered for the government, and also

several cases of conscience were discussed. Finally President Kurtz ordained Messrs. Lehman and Schröter. Mr. Kurtz, Jun., made the address to those ordained. Then Mr. Kurtz, Sen., was chosen President for next year and Mr. Frederick Mühlenberg, secretary. *Resolved*, That the next Synodical Meeting, D. V., be held on the first Sunday in October, 1779, in Tolpehoken: closed with prayer and a hymn. I gave poor Mr. Enderlin 2£ 5 sh. and sent poor sick Mr. Friederici 5£ 5 sh. through Mr. Lehman. In the evening I read to the two Messrs. Kurtz in presence of my two sons and pastors Schultze and Voigt, the status of the Legacy of Count S. R., where and how it is placed, and also the account of the interest. I also let them have my Diary from 1777 to September, 1778, to look through it, which they read until 12 o'clock at night.

[MÜHLENBERG'S LETTER TO FREYLINGHAUSEN, Oct. 31, 1778, in "Verte Librum" (I. 26), p. 30 f.]

November 17. The aged Mr. Hartwig is still alive and continues his office as a voluntary traveling preacher from one province to another. He was lately present at our Synodical Meeting in New Hanover and wanted to go farther to Virginia. As for me, the *supernumerarius*, or fifth wheel in the wagon, I daily and hourly await a call to eternity.

THIRTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

1779.

FIRST SUNDAY IN OCTOBER.

(October 4, 5, in Tulpehocken.)

I.

[LETTER OF NICOLAUS KURTZ TO KUNZE, Sept. 17, 1779, in Mühlenberg's Diary MS. in Archives.]

"I remember that at our last Synodical Conference it was resolved and decided that no further announcement of the Synodical Meeting to be held the following year was necessary and none should be made. I therefore believe that the brethren who have not received notice of my intention will come together at the appointed time and place. Besides injurious suspicions might arise in the minds of some that I had a special hankering after the honor of presidency, and wished to have and wear this title another year. For these reasons I resolved to travel to Tulpehocken at the appointed time, if I am alive and well, where I will await and receive as many of the brethren as are inclined to come thither. . . ."

(It seems the venerable President has after all decided to hold the Conference, but whether many of the brethren will come is uncertain. I will, D. V., on next Thursday start from here, if my other work will permit me to do so.—FR. MÜHLENBERG.)

II.

[MÜHLENBERG DIARY, May 7 to Nov. 27, 1779, MS. in Archives, a copy of the Protocol.]

At a Synodical Meeting of the United Evangelical Lutheran Preachers held in Tulpehocken, Oct. 4 and 5, 1779, the following brethren were present: President Kurtz, Mr. Kurtz, Jr., Mr. Schultze, Mr. Voigt, Mr. Mühlenberg, Jr., Mr. Lehman, Mr. Schröter, Mr. Goering, Mr. Fr. Mühlenberg, Mr. Melsheimer. Absent: Messrs. Mühlenberg, Sr., Helmuth, Kunze, Schmidt, Röller, Buskirk, Friderici, Graaf, Enderlein, Wildban, Bager, Krug, Hartwig, Jung, Leps, Schwertfeger, Riess.

1. Concerning Lancaster : Messrs. Hubley and Hoff were present as delegates, and after due deliberation it was *resolved*, that President Kurtz should kindly take the trouble to hold service in Lancaster next Sunday, and further confer with them there concerning the filling of their vacant congregation and that Mr. Goering should supply President Kurtz's place in Yorktown.

2. Concerning Mr. Melsheimer, who asked to be received into the Ministerium, it was *resolved*, that our friendship was not to be denied, but offered to him; but as to receiving him, we would wait a while, partly in order to learn to know him better, partly to give him time to obtain his dismissal, as this was a necessary condition for his reception, *nem. contrad.*

3. Rev. Mr. Schultz, who had received the call from the Lancaster congregation, could not accept it, as his congregations strongly protested against it.

4. *Resolved, nem. contrad.*, [no one dissenting] that in the future no preacher shall leave his congregations unless he has well-founded reasons, and can also present them to the Ministerium when it has met; on the other hand, no one shall be permitted to accept a call from new important congregations without first having the consent of the President and at least four ordained preachers.

5. *Resolved*, that in the future no preacher shall permit a candidate or student to preach without first having brought him before a meeting of Ministerium, which should first examine him and furnish him with a license, *nemine contradic.*

6. Therefore *resolved*, that in the future no manner of license be given otherwise than by a meeting of the Ministerium, *nem. contrad.*

7. *Resolved*, that Candidate's Ernst's license be renewed until the next Synodical Conference, and he be exhorted to continue to apply himself to theological studies, and especially the ancient languages.

8. As the Lancaster congregation asked for Henry Mühlenberg, Jr., he presented the conditions upon which he would accept a call to Lancaster, viz.: 1. If his congregation could soon be supplied, and 2, if he could get his father's consent. *Resolved*, that these conditions be approved. *Resolved*, that four weeks from next Sunday Rev. Goering shall preach a visiting sermon in New Hanover.

9. Mr. Kurtz, Sr., was again elected President, and Yorktown appointed as the place for the next meeting. The time shall again be the first Sunday in October, 1780.

10. Mr. Franz's license was renewed until the next meeting.

THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

1780.

OCTOBER 4, NEW PROVIDENCE. PROTOCOL BY KUNTZE. NOT A REGULAR MEETING.

[PROTOCOL. COPY IN MÜHLENBERG'S DIARY, 1779-1780. MS. IN ARCHIVES.]

October 4, 1780, the following members of the Ministerium were assembled in Senior Mühlenberg's dwelling, at New Providence, viz.: Senior Mühlenberg, Pastors Voigt, Schmidt, Röller, Mr. Ernst and writer of this, Kuntze. 1. A letter of President Kurtz to Kuntze, Helmuth and Mühlenberg, Jr., was read, of which the contents were: That for weighty reasons, the conference which was to be held at Yorktown this year could not be held, and that if important circumstances should render a meeting and conference of some of the preachers indispensable, one might be held somewhere and the necessary matters might be there attended to and decided.

2. A letter from the New Hanover congregation, dated September 24, 1780, was read, in which that congregation thanked the Ministerium that it had till now supplied them with services of worship through Candidate Frederick Ernst, and at the same time asked us, if possible, now to consider their pastorless condition, and if it could be, to send them one of the older preachers, saying that they would be pleased if Rev. Voigt, their former preacher, could move back to them and be their pastor.

3. A petition from the congregations at Easton, Greenwich, Dry Land and Moore Township was laid before the Ministerium, signed by the elders and deacons of the four congregations, altogether twenty-one persons, in which they requested: 1. That the candidate, Mr. Frederick Ernst, who until now had preached and administered baptism in New Hanover as a licensed candidate, be examined by the assembled members of the Ministerium, with their approbation be ordained to the holy ministry and be appointed to their congregations, as they had sent along a call for Mr. Ernst. 2. That they, these four congregations, be

from now on again regarded as united with the Ministerium, as they had been in Rev. Streit's times and since then.

4. The call mentioned above was also read.

5. The letter of the New Hanover congregation was taken up for consideration and it was asked how we could satisfy the congregation's request. The assembled brethren pitied the congregation on account of its present condition, which they found critical, because there was no congregation in the neighborhood with which it could be united and served by one pastor. New Goschenhoppe is too far away and the road too dangerous; the Mountain congregation is too small and is at present supplied by a vagabond, who claims to be a preacher; and this congregation alone could not well support a preacher in the present times and circumstances. As to Rev. Voigt, delegates came from his congregations who had heard of the request of the New Hanover congregation and were authorized to protest strongly against Rev. Voigt's moving away from them, as they had just become to some extent settled and were very well satisfied with their pastor, and there was no other congregation with which they could be united. We therefore knew of no other way but to promise the New Hanoverians that Senior Mühlberg, Rev. Voigt and Rev. Röller should visit them now and then for the present, until God would further graciously look upon the matter and furnish counsel and help. The above-mentioned three brethren expressed their willingness as far as possible to fulfill the above promise.

6. The request of the Easton and filial congregations in reference to Candidate Ernst was taken up and the committee of Synod being present, resolved:

1. To comply with their request and to examine Mr. Ernst to some extent as to his knowledge, and in the name of the Triune God ordain him to office by which the atonement is preached.

2. A revers be laid before the candidate for his signature, the revers to be that which Sen. Mühlberg has prepared for this purpose.

3. The following was determined as the order in which this whole matter was to be conducted:

1. The candidate shall be examined to some extent by all of the members present, viz.: by Sen. Mühlberg, on the article *de Scriptura Sacra*; by Rev. Voigt, on the article *de Deo uno et Triuno*; by Rev. Schmidt, *de Creatione et Providentia*; by Rev. Röller, *de Imagine Dei*, and by Rev. Kuntze, *de Christo*. Afterwards some questions shall be put to him by any one who wishes, on Polemics, Homiletics, Church History and Casuistics, and finally Mr. Ernst shall explain several verses of the New Testament and give the exegesis of them.

2. There will be sung, "O Heiliger Geist, kehr bei uns ein," etc.

3. Then all the preachers kneel and Sen. Mühlenberg offers prayer, in which he brings candidate Ernst before God and consecrates him to His service.

4. Then all the preachers rise, the candidate remains kneeling while all the preachers lay their hands upon his head, each saying the words: *Benedicat tibi Dominus ut multos fructus facias in vinea Domini.*

5. Next each of the brethren present gives the candidate a word of admonition, and adds a good wish, the candidate standing.

6. Lastly, all the preachers again kneel, and Rev. Voigt offers prayer, after which the preachers, kneeling close with singing the stanza: "*Was ich gethan hab und gelehrt,*" etc., from the hymn: "*Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein,*" etc.

7. Rev. Voigt stated that Dr. Bodo Otto had requested him to inform Sen. Mühlenberg and others who were assembled, that Mr. Lehman former Pastor in Reading, had left that congregation without notifying the Church Council. The committee cannot in the least justify this action, and finds it to be opposed to that order which must be observed in all Evangelical congregations, and therefore resolves to recommend the more thorough investigation of this matter to a meeting of Ministerium and in the meanwhile to inform President Kurtz of it, in order that he may have opportunity to inform himself better in regard to the matter. Upon the whole, the committee considered it very wrong, that (it should be conditioned, *if*, for the other side has not yet been heard), Mr. Lehman who had only come to this congregation two years ago, and had been ordained upon condition that he submit to all good order, and especially have the welfare of the congregation entrusted to him at heart, should soon leave this congregation which had been subjected to so many changes, without first giving any notice or account of it to the older preachers.

8. Likewise one of the assembled brethren stated that Mr. Frantz, who is licensed by the Ministerium, and preaches at the Jordan, was, at the last conference held in the Meadow, asked whether he had joined the "*Jachor*" with which he had come into this country, and had taken its oath or not? to which he answered, No. But that now a man, Andreas Facius by name, testified and was willing to swear that Mr. Frantz took the above oath, was often reprovved for his bad behavior and then deserted. The committee feels itself in duty bound to lay this matter before the next meeting of Synod as being very important, and to request a further investigation of the matter. The committee also requests President Kurtz in announcing the next conference especially to notify Mr. Frantz that he dare not absent himself, because it regards

it most necessary that matters of this kind be cleared up, carefully investigated and every offence that may be found among us be, as far as God gives grace and we can discover, removed.

HENRY MÜHLENBERG, SENIOR.

LUDWIG VOIGT.

FREDERICK SCHMIDT.

JOHN CHRISTOPH. KUNTZE.

CONRAD RÖLLER.

FREDERICK ERNST.

Appendix 1. The following is the letter which the Committee will send to Easton and the congregations united with it:

PROVIDENCE, Oct. 4, 1780.

Honored and honorable Elders and Deacons of our United Congregations in Easton, the Dry Land, Greenwich, and Moore Township, Beloved Fathers and Brethren in Jesus Christ our Lord:

We the undersigned, at present, an appointed committee of the United Evangelical Ministerium in Pennsylvania, etc., offer our hearty greetings and benedictions from the richness of the grace of our Blessed Saviour, and give notice that we safely received your petition of Sept. 18, 1780, and considered it, and according to your earnest request, in a meeting held in New Providence, Oct. 4, with the consent of our President examined Mr. Frederick Ernst in theology, in accordance with your wise counsel and the conditions suggested, received him into our union, and by reason of the regular call he had received from the honorable Elders and Deacons of the four congregations, ordained him teacher and pastor of those congregations with the laying on of hands, in the hope that he will take heed unto himself and unto the pure Evangelical doctrine, through God's grace and help illustrate his doctrine by his life and walk, so that he and they who hear him may be saved through Jesus Christ. I Tim. 4: 16.

2. It was further resolved that the Committee recommend and propose to President Kurtz, that he appoint and announce the next Conference to meet in Philadelphia on the first Tuesday in June, 1781.

That this Appendix also belongs to the preceding parts of the Conference we testify, *ut supra*.

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18. Conrad Goeller.
19. Gmuel Schwerdfeger
20. Jacob Goering
21. Daniel Lehmann
22. Daniel Schraeter.
23. Friederich Ernst
24. Johann Misseral Paderborn
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CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERIUM

OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA,
IN FORCE IN 1781.

CHAPTER FIRST.

OF THE NAME AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION OF THE
LUTHERAN MINISTERS OF NORTH AMERICA.

We, Evangelical Lutheran Ministers of North America, who, by subscribing our names to this Constitution, do hereby declare ourselves an organized body, and, for the sake of establishing the Kingdom of Christ, whose we are and whom we serve, which can only be accomplished by unity (combined effort), and who never mean to consider ourselves otherwise, call this our Mutual Association, "An Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in North America," and every meeting, "a Synodical Meeting."

CHAPTER SECOND.

OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD.

§ 1. The Synod has (elects) a President who is to be respected and honored, by all its members, as one having the oversight, both during the meetings of the Synod and at other times.

§ 2. He is elected annually during the meeting of Synod by a majority of votes. The office can be filled by the same person who held it during the previous year, as often as Synod sees fit.

§ 3. The President announces the meeting of Synod, designating the time and the place, if these have not been determined beforehand by resolution of Synod, and presides during the meeting. In case the Synod have already determined the time and the place of the next meeting, the President still directs attention to it by a circular letter issued six or eight weeks in advance. Both the regular and the special meetings are included under the synodical meetings which he announces.

§ 4. If at the time of any meeting of Synod, the President should be sick, or absolutely prevented from being present, the Synod, immediately at the opening of the meeting, elects another President.

§ 5. In case of a tie, the President has the casting vote.

§ 6. Under the supervision of the President, and in accordance with his direction, the Secretary keeps the minutes and reads them publicly in the Convention. In like manner, the President has letters read, written, dispatched, and similar things done, by the Secretary; and, in case of necessity, he has them read also by others.

§ 7. The President, at each meeting of Synod, lays before it the most important matters transacted at special meetings, and reported to him concerning them.

§ 8. The President puts all motions presented to the meeting, or causes it to be done by the Secretary in accordance with his directions, signs them and hands them to the delegates of the congregations records them carefully, or sees that it is done by the Secretary. When this has been done, he likewise puts his signature to the entire transactions of a Synodical meeting in the Protocol. To this signature the Secretary afterwards appends his.

§ 9. The President takes the vote on all matters to be decided, stating the motions offered so plainly that every one may know what the subject is on which he is to vote.

§ 10. The President appoints committees to carry out measures determined upon, but not for determining them.

§ 11. The President is required to receive the motions of each and every member, and submit them for consideration and decision.

§ 12. The President is not allowed to take the sense of the house until he perceives that there is no further speaking on the question to be decided.

§ 13. It is the duty of the President to see that the right of every one to express his views freely and fully, be maintained. He is also required to insist strictly upon good order, so that no one improperly interrupt another.

§ 14. The act of Ordination, in which he is assisted by other ministers, belongs to the President. It dare not be administered except in open convention, and to none other than a candidate received as one to be ordained by a majority of votes.

In a case of necessity, a special meeting may be called by the President for this purpose.

§ 15. That which applies to Ordinations applies also to the granting of a license. The President is allowed to do it only in open convention and by permission of the majority.

For further directions as to ordination and licensure, see further on.

§ 16. The President appoints the examiners of the candidates to be examined, or of the licentiates, but every member retains the privilege of examining afterwards in proper order.

§ 17. The President admonishes the brother who errs several times, privately. If this be without effect, he is reported to the Synodical meeting, which investigates and decides the matter.

CHAPTER THIRD.

OF THE SECRETARY OF SYNOD.

§ 1. The Secretary of Synod is elected annually from among its members, during the meeting of Synod, after the election of the President.

§ 2. The Synod must continually take care that the fittest and most learned persons are put into this office, since many of the documents which they have to prepare will be regarded as the work of the entire Synod, and, therefore, require thoroughly capable persons to frame them.

§ 3. If the Synod, perchance, should have found the one having held the office previously specially adapted to it, it is not necessary, on this account, to pass him over in the election.

§ 4. Upon request of the President, the Secretary writes letters, draws up agreements and fills out certificates of licensure, ordination, etc.

§ 5. The Secretary, in the name of the Synod, after the President has signed his name, attests all transactions recorded by his signature.

§ 6. The Secretary has charge of the Synodical seal and attaches it to such papers as require it. But in every instance the President's signature must be attached beforehand.

CHAPTER FOURTH.

OF RECEPTION INTO THE MINISTERIUM.

§ 1. All those who set their names to this Constitution, and to the agreement (pledge) to be mentioned further on, are members of this Ministerium. As a continued remembrancer, and for the glory of God in the future, when a more imposing array of members of Synod may probably be presented, our present paucity is here at the same time freely acknowledged.

The following membership belong to our Synod:

Henry Melchoir Mühlenberg († 1786).

Nicolaus Kurtz (dec'd). [1794].

Ludwig Voigt (dec'd). [1800].

Wilhelm Kurtz († 1798).

Joh. Andr. Krug (dec'd). [1796].

George Bager (dec'd). [1791].

Emanl. Schulze (dec'd 1808).

Heinrich Helmuth (dec'd). [1825].
 Friedr. Schmidt († 1813).
 Joh. C. Kunze († 1807).
 Carl Fried. Wildbahn (dec'd). [1804].
 Jacob V. Buskirk (dec'd). [1800].
 Christian Streit (dec'd). [1812.]
 Heinrich Moeller († 1830).
 Joh. G. Jung (dec'd). [1793].
 Heinrich Mühlenberg, Jr. († 1815).
 Joh. Christian Lepps (dec'd).
 Conrad Roeller (dec'd).
 Samuel Schwerdfeger (dec'd). [1788].
 Jacob Goering († 1808).
 Daniel Lehman († 1810).
 Daniel Schroeter (dec'd).
 Friedr. Ernst († 1805).
 Daniel Kurtz ——. [† 1856].
 Friedr. Melsheimer († 1814).
 David Schaeffer ——. [† 1836].
 W. Frederici ——.

§ 2. In those cases in which important questions of conscience and points of doctrine are to be investigated and decided only ordained ministers have a vote, although licensed candidates are, in other respects, regular and full members.

§ 3. The minister who desires the reception of a candidate, and consequently the granting of a license to him, is required to present him to the President, giving the same an account of the educational advantages enjoyed by the candidate, and of his conduct as observed by him, appending some proof of his capacity, viz., a sermon or theological treatise, which he certainly knows the candidate to have prepared himself. In this he makes written application to the President to introduce and present such candidate to the next Synodical Convention.

§ 4. The candidate having been presented to the assembled Synod by the President, and the most important incidents in the candidate's career having been cited, he withdraws until called again. The President then asks whether any one objects to the reception of the candidate. If two-thirds of those present vote for him, he is received.

§ 5. Those who are sent by a religious establishment, as the Orphans' Home at Halle, or by any Evangelical Consistory of any locality in Europe whatever, upon request, are to be deemed unworthy of reception only if objections made to their reception be declared weighty and well-founded by a majority of the votes.

§ 6. Every member signs this article or agreement:

"I, the undersigned, called as a minister of the Gospel in North America, promise before God and my Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ:

"1. That as long as I serve any congregation in North America, I will not declare myself independent of the Evangelical Ministerium, whose Constitution I have signed; and that I will obey its rules and regulations.

"2. That I will, as God gives me strength, faithfully obey the Constitution of the Ministerium subscribed by me, use the Liturgy to be introduced, and comply with the resolutions of the Synod as long as I exercise the office of a minister in North America; and that, as much as in me lies, I will promote the observance of the Constitution of the Ministerium by others.

"3. That I will not absent myself from any meeting of Synod without urgent necessity.

"4. That I will never consent to receive any minister whom I know to be unfit because of a lack of attainments, or of an immoral life, into our Synodical connection.

"5. That, unless for well-founded reasons, and impelled by conscience, I will never oppose the reception of any candidate or minister into the Ministerium.

"6. That I will not rudely refuse reproofs from the President, but even in case of an inward consciousness of innocence I will submit to them; and in case of an abiding consciousness of having been wrongly judged by the President, I will appeal to the judgment of the Synod, with whose decision I expect to be satisfied; and I will neither denounce the President nor treat him unkindly because of his censures.

"7. That in case two-thirds of the Synod should declare me no longer worthy to be a member of the Evangelical Ministerium of North America, and consequently to have a seat and vote in a Synod, I will then give up my congregations, and no longer exercise the functions of a minister in any of the United Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of North America."

To this the signature is to be attached.

§ 7. Every candidate and every minister about being received, after having entered into this compact, also attaches his name to this Constitution of the Ministerium. Provision is on this account to be made that every minister be furnished with a copy thereof, so that he may always know precisely to what he has obligated himself; and, further, that the President always have at hand, among the other documents of Synod, a copy for general use, to which every one received now or hereafter may attach his name.

§ 8. Whenever a candidate has received his training from one of the United Ministers, that one, and none other, must be the one to recommend him to the President for reception.

CHAPTER FIFTH.

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE SYNOD AND THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED THEREAT.

§ 1. At least one meeting of the Synod must be held annually. If the Ministerium itself has not determined with reference to the time and place of its next meeting, that is left to the President.

§ 2. No one of the brethren associated together is allowed to absent himself without the most urgent necessity, and should a case of such urgent necessity occur, a written excuse must be sent in.

§ 3. Whoever does not appear personally, or else present a written excuse, is called to account therefor by the President at the next meeting of the Synod. This must be done publicly, in the presence of the entire Synod.

§ 4. Whoever does not appear personally, or else present a written excuse, for three successive meetings, shall be expelled from the Association, and shall be regarded as one who has violated his pledge, unless sickness should each time have prevented him from writing, and consequently he have caused himself to be excused verbally.

§ 5. The Pastor loci provides in advance lodgings for the ministers, and for the keeping of their horses. If there should be any for whom he could not make arrangements, they are to be entertained at the expense of the common Treasury, or by contributions.

§ 6. The ministers are required, if possible, to be at the place of meeting in good time on the day preceding, so that the President may be able to assign the sermons appropriately. No minister is justified in leaving before the actual closing of the Synod by the President, unless a case of great urgency should constitute it an exception.

§ 7. The ministers dine together in a body at the expense of the Treasury as long as the meeting continues. The President each day appoints two to offer at some length prayers in behalf of all the congregations, one before, and one after dinner. Such as do not preach are appointed to offer these prayers. In the morning and evening, the ministers take their meals at the place of lodging. This matter will be arranged as soon as the Synodical Treasury, which is to be provided for, will allow.

§ 8. The business sessions of Synod begin precisely at 9 A.M., and continue until 1 P.M.; and at 3 P.M. and continue until 6 P.M., unless when matters of special importance require an extension of time.

§ 9. At the place where the meeting of Synod is held, there shall be three services on Sunday and one on every week-day evening. In the country, the service is omitted on Sunday evening, and during the week it is held in the morning at 9 o'clock.

§ 10. The ministers open their business sessions with a hymn and prayer—in the afternoon with a prayer only. This opening prayer in the morning and in the afternoon is offered kneeling. The President appoints those offering these prayers. They are not to be the same persons to whom sermons have been assigned, or those who have already offered prayer. The last session of the second day is closed with prayer by the President.

§ 11. After the prayer, the President lays before the meeting a programme of all the matters to be acted upon. Every minister who has anything to add now announces it, so that it may be noted down.

§ 12. After completing the programme the Secretary, by direction of the President, reads the Minutes of the former meeting. After this reading some further time is given, both for the making of observations in regard to them, and also for the enlargement of the programme referred to in § 11.

§ 13. After the reading of the Minutes the next item is the presentation of the Annual Settlement, as soon as that matter has been properly arranged. At this point, receipts and expenditures are plainly set forth by the President, or, at his request, by the Secretary. After some incidental remarks have been made in regard to it, the principal items of expenditure for the coming year are determined as far as possible, and the account is signed by the President, Secretary, and some of the members of Synod present.

§ 14. After the rendering of the account, the Synod at once occupies itself with the business of the delegates of the congregations, those from the most distant points having precedence, and those living nearest waiting until the last.

§ 15. The President is required individually to grant the delegates of the congregations a separate hearing, but not decide what they present to them, for he is required to lay before the meeting all the items gathered from the delegates, having any bearing on their requests.

§ 16. The President is required to cause the Secretary to read all letters referring to congregational affairs received by him, either before or during the meeting of the Synod. It is self-evident that those communications are not here included, in which, perchance, certain congregations or church officers, regarding the President as a private individual, and as one of the most experienced ministers, ask special advice in doubtful matters.

§ 17. It is the President's duty to present publicly to the Synod those delegates desiring it, or even to have them called in at the request of the members.

§ 18. The President is required to see to it that every item be considered and discussed, and as soon as no further remarks are made concerning it, to select from the various comments and suggestions presented, that which seems to him most thoroughly adapted for its adjustment, and have it voted upon. If this be rejected by the majority, he takes the next best, or even that which now for the first time seems to himself the surest mode of adjustment, or what is now for the first time offered by some one else. While the vote is being taken, no further remarks are permitted, but for the expediting of the schemes proposed, a simple *aye* or *no*.

§ 19. In case the President and Secretary should have too much writing to do, in writing out and recording the transactions of Synod, it may, at their request, elect several assistant Secretaries, whose term of office continues only during the meeting. These must at all times be thorough scholars, except where mere copying of business transacted is to be done, when the best penmen are to be selected.

§ 20. In case a matter to be acted upon should seem too difficult to be decided at once, it can be postponed for further consideration, if the majority so decide, and the determining thereof deferred from the first day to the second, or to the third, or from one meeting to the next, one year hence, or from the regular meeting of Synod to the next special meeting, to the district to which it belongs, as the nature of the matter under consideration may seem to require.

§ 21. After finishing the business with the delegates, the remaining items of the programme are acted upon in the order in which they are recorded, whether they refer to congregational affairs, to matters of conscience, for the decision of which the Synod generally appoints a committee of the oldest, most experienced and most learned ministers, who must sit during those remaining hours in which Synod is not in session, or in reference to complaints on account of the doctrine and life of the brethren lodged with the President and presented by him.

The Synod always endeavors to so arrange the programme that congregational affairs may be considered first, then questions of conscience which may be presented, and finally the complaints entered.

That which is laid down in Chapter 4, § 2, and is there made of general application, holds with reference to decisions in respect to this latter point.

§ 22. In complaints brought against ministers the subject of investigation must refer to :

1. Positive errors opposed to the plain teachings of the Holy Scriptures and our Symbolical Books.

2. Works of flesh, Gal. 5: 19 ff., and offense given thereby.

3. Faithlessness and slothfulness in the ministry, and, in case of a candidate, also in those matters which are known to be necessary for his further preparation.

4. Neglecting attendance upon the meetings of Synod.

5. Bitterness and strife of ministers among themselves.

§ 23. The process of investigation is this: The President distinctly presents the heads of charges to the Synod, hears the witnesses in its presence, then gives an opportunity for remarks pro and con, allowing every one to express his opinion as his final judgment in the matter. The President and the Secretary must be very careful to recognize that judgment which is heard most frequently, as the prevalent one.

§ 24. The effect resulting from the decision must be limited to the following points:

1. The accused person, against whom no two or three credible witnesses appear, and against whom there is no other evidence of probability, is acquitted, and regarded as one against whom no complaint was ever brought.

2. Whosoever is found guilty in matters not of too gross a character, either by evidence of strong probability or upon the declaration of two or three witnesses, is publicly reprimanded by the President in the presence of Synod, or if the one found guilty be not present, he is most earnestly admonished, by means of a written document, prepared in the name of the entire Synod. Others of the brethren also add a word of reproof verbally.

3. In matters of a graver nature, and which have occasioned offence, such as would be irrevocable in their nature, he who is found guilty in the manner above indicated, is excluded from the Ministerium.

The committee adjudicating the case renders its decision to that effect, but the decision cannot be carried into effect without the assent of two-thirds of all the members of Synod. But in case of the subsequent ratification by the above-named two-thirds of Synod—in which case those also who rendered the decision as a committee have a vote as well as ordained members of Synod, although the latter cannot serve on the committee—the sentence must be executed without fail.

The Synod cannot make the sentence pronounced by the committee severer, but it may be modified by the assent of two-thirds. To follow the intention in this instance closely, and to know in how far the

sentence is to be modified, the President proceeds in this particular as has been indicated in this chapter, § 18, with this difference, that that which the President submits to vote is not binding without having been endorsed by two-thirds. If none of the motions proposed and voted upon, should be able to secure the endorsement of two-thirds, the verdict of the committee stands.

§ 25. After the transaction of matters of the kind referred to in § 21, the assembled ministers confer with one another concerning the blessings attending their labors, or the difficulties met with in their sacred office, each one also giving a detailed report of baptisms, confirmations, burials, communicants. Absent members likewise transmit this information in their letters of excuse. At this point the diaries of the licensed candidates are likewise read.

§ 26. Whenever examinations, the granting of licenses, or ordinations of licensed candidates occur, these items of business are transacted immediately after the edifying conference as to official experiences and the reading of the diaries.

§ 27. Every candidate desiring to be received must first undergo a brief examination in the ancient languages and theology, and then only does he receive a license. Before the ordination, however, the licensed candidate submits himself to a stricter examination, in which written questions are answered also in writing. The former may be called a test; the latter, an examination.

§ 28. No license is allowed to remain in force longer than until the next convention of Synod. It can then be renewed, if deemed proper. "*Extended*" will then be written underneath, with the day and date of the year, and, finally, the name of the President and the Secretary.

§ 29. Candidates who have received license are allowed to preach, to catechise, to administer the Holy Sacraments, but these acts dare not be performed in any congregations beyond those designated in the document named.

§ 30. That licensed candidate who is convinced that, by private application, he has advanced sufficiently to be able to undergo the examination referred to above in § 27 may, in a spirit of meekness, make known his desire to be ordained in open session, but never without the afore-mentioned conviction as to a knowledge of the ancient languages and theology. No one will in future be ordained without both these requirements, unless in a very extraordinary instance, or the most urgent necessity.

§ 31. Ordination is administered according to the circumstances of the case, either publicly in the Church or in Synodical Meeting, not out-

side the Church, without the most weighty reasons; in fact, never in special conferences, unless it should have been committed to a committee by the entire Synod.

§ 32. The election of the President and the Secretary, together with the fixing of the time and place of the next meeting, all of which are decided by a majority of votes, constitute the close of the business.

§ 33. Last of all, the ministers dwelling close together in one county or district confer, in regard to special meetings or conferences to be appointed, concerning which the details may be determined in due time by resolutions of Synod. Whenever a special matter has been referred to a conference of that kind, such conference must be positively determined upon, and with the knowledge of all the others.

CHAPTER SIXTH.

OF THE CONDUCT OF THE MINISTERS IN THEIR OFFICIAL AND OTHER RELATIONS.

§ 1. Every minister must earnestly endeavor to introduce into his congregations a constitution which corresponds as nearly as possible with those already in use, and which must not conflict with the Constitution of this Ministerium in any point.

§ 2. Every minister professes that he holds the Word of God and our Symbolical Books in doctrine and life; that he so exercises his office that he may stand before his Great Shepherd, rejoicing in the great Day of Judgment, as well as promises to remain forever worthy of the fellowship of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of North America.

3. Every minister uses the Liturgy which has been introduced.

4. No minister is allowed to encroach upon another's office, under whatever pretext it may be, without the other's consent. In actually vacant congregations an ordained minister is allowed to preach and administer the Holy Sacraments as often as he pleases, provided this can be done without neglect of his own pastoral duties. So, too, every ordained minister is at liberty to give up his congregations at his discretion, and to move into other actually vacant congregations which purpose connecting with us: provided, he do not thereby interfere with any other connection, and, also, that the change, when made, be, in every instance, communicated to the President.

§ 5. No minister is allowed to conform himself to the world in his walk and conversation.

§ 6. Licensed candidates must carefully record their official acts in a diary, which is handed over at each meeting of the Synod.

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| 3. NICOLAUS KURZ, | 4. LUDWIG VOIGT, |
| 5. JOHN ANDREAS KRUG, | 6. GEORGE BAGER, |
| 7. EMANUEL SCHULZE, | 8. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT, |
| 9. HEINRICH HELMUTH, | 10. JOHANN C. KUNZE, |
| 11. CARL FRIEDRICH WILDBAHN, | 12. JACOB V. BUSKIRK, |
| 13. CHRISTIAN STREIT, | 14. HEINRICH MOELLER, |
| 15. | 16. JOHANN GEORG JUNG, |
| 17. HEINRICH MUEHLENBERG, Jun. | 18. JOHANN CHRISTIAN LEPS, |
| 19. CONRAD ROELLER, | 20. SAMUEL SCHWERDFEGER, |
| 21. JACOB GOERING, | 22. DANIEL LEHMAN, |
| 23. DANIEL SCHROETER, | 24. FRIEDRICH ERNST, |
| 25. JOHANN MICHAEL ENTERLINE, | 26. DANL. KURZ, |
| 27. FR. VAL. MELSHEIMER, | 28. F. DAVID SCHEFER. |
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THIRTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

1781.

[JUNE 10, 12, PHILADELPHIA.]

1. June 10th the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in North America assembled. Philadelphia was the place. They went to the church in procession. Rev. Henry Mühlenberg, Jr., preached in the morning in Zion's Church ; Rev. Mr. Schroeter in St. Michael's Church. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Krug in Zion's Church, and in the evening, Rev. Mr. Lehman.

June 11th, the Monday following, they again assembled and went to Zion's Church, where Senior Mühlenberg preached. After the sermon the Synod was opened in Rev. Mr. Kunze's house. Members present were :

Mr. Henrich Mühlenberg, Sen.

Rev. Mr. Hartwig and Mr. William Kurz, from Lebanon.

- " Krug, from Fredrickstown.
- " Voigt, from Pikeland.
- " Schulze, from Tulpehaken.
- " Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
- " Schmidt, from Germantown.
- " Buschkirk, from Macunshy.
- " Friderici.
- " Kunze, from Philadelphia.
- " Friederich Mühlenberg.
- " Henrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
- " Jung, from Hegerstown.
- " Gering, from Dover.
- " Lehman, from Misillum.
- " Schröter, from Manheim.
- " Ernst, from Easttown.
- " Moller, in Philadelphia, Licent.
- " Franz, from Whitehall, Licent.

After all the preachers had cast themselves down before the face of the Lord and asked His blessing, there was read a letter from the Presi-

dent, Nicolaus Kurz, in which he stated that he could not attend the meeting of Synod this time, and requested that another President be chosen. Thereupon, they proceeded to the election, and for this and the following year were chosen :

As President, Rev. Mr. Emanuel Schulze.

As Secretary, Rev. Henrich Mühlenberg, Jun.

Then each reported those matters, which were to be considered : Concerning 1, Warwick ; 2, a union with the so-called High Church ; 3, Reading ; 4, Mr. Müller ; 5, Mr. Friderici ; 6, Carlisle, Shippens-town, Chamberstown, in Pennsylvania ; 7, several congregations in Westmoreland, in Virginia ; 8, Holland ; 9, a letter from Manheim ; 10, Staufferstown and neighboring congregations ; 11, Allentown, Dry Land, Irish Settlement and Indianland ; 12, a petition to the Assembly against the existing custom of making oath too common by demanding it too frequently ; 13, New Hanover ; 14, Mr. Franz ; 15, Mr. Ernst ; 16, a letter from a certain man named Beil ; 17, the Constitution of the Ministerium.

These points were immediately taken up :

Ad. I. *Resolved*, That Rev. Mr. Schulze make efforts to unite the congregation, to serve it and gradually bring it into full connection with us.

As Mr. Schroeter hereby has one congregation less, a letter from New Holland and two other congregations with reference to a union was handed in by a delegate. They asked also for Mr. Schroeter as their pastor. The answer to the letter was postponed until the 8th point.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Ad. II. *Resolved*, to invite Rev. Mr. White¹ to a friendly conference. Rev. Mr. Helmuth's house was appointed for this purpose, and Rev. Mr. White appeared, but nothing definite could be accomplished.

III. From Reading a letter was read, in which they asked, under certain conditions, for Mr. Melsheimer, a chaplain of the Brunswick troops.

Resolved, to inform the congregation that Mr. Melsheimer was not yet received as a member of the Ministerium, and therefore nothing could be decided concerning him ; but as we regard him as a friend, whose merits we appreciate, we will not consider it a rupture of the union between the Reading congregation and us, if they call him to be their pastor.

Moreover, we give them liberty to ask any one of the members of the Ministerium, provided that such a step be at the same time reported to the President.

¹ [Afterwards Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church.]

IV. *Resolved*, To give a hearing to Mr. Müller through a committee. Senior Mühlenberg, P. Voigt and Buschkirk were appointed.

After the report was received, Mr. Müller was given the friendly advice, to refrain from pastoral duties until the matter was decided.

V. Each of the preachers promised to report to the President if in his neighborhood, a suitable place might be found for Mr. Friderici.

Herewith the first day was ended, and the preachers went to church, and heard Rev. Mr. Schulze preach.

JUNE 12.

Ad. VI. Rev. Mr. Jung explained the need of these congregations, and reported that they would be well able to keep a pastor of their own.

Resolved, that the neighboring preachers be requested to visit these congregations as often as possible, and administer the sacraments, and the congregations be exhorted to keep a Reader, who shall be able to attend to the instruction of children, to lead the singing, etc.

VII. These congregations are situated towards Pittsburgh, Redstone is the chief place. They own 300 acres of good land, but they need a man who is strong and can ride much, because they are scattered. *Resolved* to give the same answer as previously.

VIII. Rev. Mr. Schroeter was advised to serve the congregations.

IX. These congregations declared their satisfaction with Rev. Mr. Schroeter, and requested that he be not removed; which request was granted.

X.-XI. The congregations are strong, and desire to be supplied with pastors.

Resolved, that we deeply regret the lack of pastors, and must repeat the advice given above under number VI.

XII. A memorial was presented to the Assembly, after being signed by all the preachers.

XIII. Senior Mühlenberg and Rev. Mr. Voigt were commissioned to investigate the matter, to help the congregation as they were able, and the advice as above number VI was given also to this congregation.

XV. The congregations in and about Easttown, declared their satisfaction with Rev. Mr. Ernst.

JUNE 12, 3 P. M.

n. XIV. A letter of recommendation having been received, the license of Mr. Lic. Frantz was continued.

XVI. This Mr. Biel desires ordination and reception into the Ministerium. His letter showed sufficiently that his request could not be granted.

XVII. Resolved, that the Constitution be signed without any change and at the earliest opportunity.

Finally place and time for the Synodical meeting of next year were appointed, viz.: Lancaster as the place and the first Sunday in June, *i. e.*, first Sunday after Trinity, as the time.

All the preachers uniting in prayer pledged themselves to continued brotherly love, and again at evening went to church. Rev. Mr. Jung preached the closing sermon, and Rev. Mr. Kuntze dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

That the above is a summary of the transactions of the Synodical meeting of this year, we witness:

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG, JUN.,
Secretary.

EMANUEL SCHULZE,
Præs.

THIRTY-FIFTH CONVENTION.

1782.

JUNE 3, 4.—LANCASTER.

June 1. The members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium assembled at Lancaster.

2. As it was the first Sunday after Trinity, they went to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the President, Pastor Schulze preached on the Gospel. In the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Jung edified the congregation, his text being I Tim. 4: 8, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Lehman, from II Cor. 7: 10.

3. On the following Monday, there was another sermon by Pastor Nicol. Kurtz on Acts 26: 18. After the sermon the Synodical meeting was opened.

The members present were:

Rev. Mr. Nicol. Kurtz, from Yorktown.

“ Ludwig Voigt, from Pikeland.

“ Andreas Krug, from Friderickstown.

“ Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken—Præs.

“ Heinrich Helmuth, from Philadelphia.

“ Joh. Georg. Jung, from Hegerstown.

“ Conrad Röller, from Indianfield.

“ Jacob Gering, from Dover.

“ Daniel Lehman, from the Misillum.

“ Daniel Schroeter, from Manheim.

“ Friederich Ernst, from Greenwich.

“ Michael Enderlein, from Shamokin.

“ and I, as Pastor loci, Henr. Mühlenberg.

N. B.—Pastor Harting also attended.

Letters of excuse were received from Pastors Bager, Wilte, Kurz and Kunze.

JUNE 3, A. M.

Each of the members present handed in the various matters which were to be considered.

1, concerning Greenwich, Easttown and congregations belonging to

these; 2, Rev. Mr. Wildbahn's former congregations; 3, Manheim, Modecriek, Newholland and the Bergstrasse; 4, Reading; 5, Mr. Enderlein; 6, the Constitution of the Ministerium; 7, the Catechism; 8, a new Hymn Book; 9, Mr. Möller; 10, Rev. Mr. Buschkirk and a Mr. Beil; 11, Falkner's Swamp; 12, a certain Mr. Butler.

Hereupon the delegates were called in, and in part questioned concerning several points that had been reported.

1. In regard to No. 1, there was a delegate from Greenwich, who brought a written testimonial, and by it, as well as by word of mouth, gave evidence of the highest satisfaction with Rev. Mr. Ernst.

2. Of Mr. Wildbahn's former congregations: They present a petition for a new preacher, to whom they promised £75 and a dwelling.

3. Of Manheim: They requested that Rev. Mr. Schroeter be relieved of his excessive work in other congregations, so that he might have service there every three weeks and diligently attend to the instruction of children. A delegate from Modecriek [Muddy Creek] requested that Mr. Schroeter, with whom they were thoroughly satisfied, be allowed to retain them.

4. Delegates from the Bergstrasse and Newholland desire services every two weeks from Mr. Schroeter, but regret to testify that on the Bergstrasse indeed the larger, but in Newholland the smaller part of the congregation is in favor of Mr. Schroeter.

5. From Hegerstown, there appeared one who had accompanied Rev. Mr. Jung, and reported the satisfaction of the congregation at that place with him.

6. From Reading, a delegate handed in a letter, and also by word of mouth, asked for Rev. Mr. Wildbahn.

7. From Falkner Swamp, a delegate handed in a petition for a preacher.

8. From Machanai Township, two delegates were present, and brought various complaints against Mr. Enderlein.

JUNE 3RD, 1782, P. M.

In the afternoon were taken up, first:

N. 3. And finally, *Resolved*, That Mr. Schroeter serve the congregations in Newholland, on the Bergstrasse and Modecriek one year more, if the congregations will furnish the necessary support, and that Rev. Mühlenberg, of Lancaster, visit these congregations several times, in order, if possible, to bring about peace.

N. 5. After a long examination of the complaints and of Mr. Enderlein, it was resolved that the new Church Constitution which Mr. Enderlein wished to introduce be withdrawn for the present, and that both

parties make concessions and bear with each other in patience. Mr. Enderlein promised to do his best in this direction, and in case the congregation were thrown into confusion by his remaining, he would rather give it up altogether.

N. 12. Mr. Butler brought a recommendation from the congregation on the Octorara, and asked to be admitted into the Ministerium. Answer was given him :

1. That, by reason of lack of sufficient acquaintance and on account of offence given, he could not be received.

2. That he should not be forbidden to preach and baptize children, in cases of necessity, so long as he led an orderly, Christian life.

3. That he should entirely refrain from the distribution of the Holy Communion and the confirmation of those instructed.

Rev. Mühlenberg promised to attend to both of these whenever requested.

N. 6. The Constitution of the Ministerium was again read and signed, after a few slight changes (cap. 2, § 14; cap. 4, § 6; cap. 5, § 30).

The first day being thus ended, all the preachers went to church, through a heavy storm, and heard Rev. Mr. Röller preach on Jer. 47 : 6-7.

June 4th, A. M.

After the customary prayer, the following points were taken up :

N. 4. The letter from Reading petitioned for Rev. Mr. Wildbahn, who promised to take the congregation, which he was unanimously advised to do.

N. 5. These congregations, which are very scattered, were advised to apply to Rev. Mr. Wilhelm Kurz or Mr. Schroeter, and ask for an occasional sermon. (Gastpredigt).

N. 6. *Resolved*, to have the Ministerial Order and the common *Church Agende* printed; the latter remains as it is, except that the formula of Confirmation, as introduced in Württemberg, be added.

JUNE 4TH, P. M.

N. 8. Unanimously resolved to have a new Hymn Book printed for our United Congregations.

Resolved, that Revs. Mühlenberg, Sen., Kunze, Helmuth and Mühlenberg, Jun., be a committee to prepare this for print.

Resolved, that the committee be strictly bound by the following rules :

1. As far as possible to follow the arrangement of the Halle Hymn Book.

2. Not to omit any of the old standard hymns, especially of Luther and Paul Gerhard.

3. To omit the Gospels and Epistles for Apostles' Days, Minor Festivals, and the History of the Destruction of Jerusalem, together with the collection of Prayers and the Catechism.

4. To report all this together with incidental changes, *e. g.*, in the Litany to a special meeting of Synod.

5. Not to admit more than 750 hymns into the collection.

Resolved, that for this Hymn Book, a brief Prayer Book, with morning and evening prayers, prayers for the sick and for communion, be prepared. Rev. Mr. Helmuth was unanimously chosen to prepare this, and instructed to present it to the special meeting of Synod for approbation.

Resolved, that Mr. Steiner print the whole work, using the Freierian orthography, and Rev. Mr. Helmuth read the proof.

Resolved, that Senior Mühlenberg prepare the Preface, and that it be signed by all the United Preachers.

N. 7. Concerning the Catechism, it was resolved, after mature consideration, that no changes whatever should be undertaken except with the approval of the Synod, in particular that in the next edition: 1. The edition of H. Müller, 1774, be taken as the basis; 2. That from it pages 1-64, 69-89, 94, 123-144, be printed without change, and the rest be dropped; 3. From Steiner's edition of 1781 pages 35-47 be reprinted, after some few slight changes; 4. All quotations from Catechism in the Württemberg formula of Confirmation be altered to conform with this Catechism.

Resolved, that this Catechism be generally introduced, and, as far as possible, remain unchanged.

N. 9. Concerning Mr. Möller, there were read a letter of recommendation by Rev. Mr. Kunze, and a call from two English congregations in Jersey, and hereupon resolved:

"That Senior Mühlenberg, Pastors Voigt, Schmidt and Röller be appointed a committee to meet at Providence by July 30th, and examine and ordain Mr. Möller."

N. 1. Rev. Mr. Ernst reported that he had been forced to give up the congregation at Easttown, which had taken a vagabond [as pastor]. His reasons were considered sufficient, and the other congregations were exhorted to use his services as before.

N. 10. A testimonial signed by many members of the congregation was read, in which Rev. Mr. Buschkirk was praised for his faithfulness in duty, and the Synod was petitioned not to receive Mr. Beil as a member.

N. 11. Had come up already on the first day, but neither then nor

now could help be promised. The congregation was, however, advised to be patient, or to apply directly to one or the other of the United Preachers on whom the choice of the congregation may fall.

Finally, by majority of votes, Rev. Mr. Emanuel Schulze was appointed President, Rev. Mühlenberg, Jun., Secretary, and Yorktown as the place of the Synodical meeting, on the Festival of the Trinity, *i. e.*, 15th of June, 1783. The pastors united in prayer and song, pledging themselves to continued brotherly love and faithfulness in the discharge of their ministerial duties. Then they went to church, where Rev. Mr. Helmuth delivered an edifying closing sermon on I Cor. 2: 2, and the preachers were dismissed by the *pastor loci* with thanks and benedictions.

That the above all occurred thus, we witness with our own signature:

EM. SCHULZE,
President.

HENR. MÜHLENBERG, JUN.,
Secretary.

THIRTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

1783.

JUNE 15-17, YORK.

June 15th, it being the Festival of the Trinity, the following of all the invited members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium appeared at Yorktown :

- Mr. Nicolaus Kurz, *Pastor loci*.
" Andreas Krug, from Friedrichstatt.
" Georg Bager, from McCallister.
" Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken, President.
" Jacobus V. Buskirk, from Macunshy.
" Carl Friedr. Wildbahn, from Reading.
" Johan Christ. Kunze, from Philadelphia.
" Christian Streit, from New Hanover.
" Henrich Mühlenberg, Jun., from Lancaster.
" Joh. Christian Leps, from Northampton.
" Jacob Gering, in Yorktown.
" Daniel Schroeter, from Maccallister.
" Friederich Ernst, from Greenwich.

Absent members who sent letters of excuse were :

- Senior Mühlenberg.
Past. Helmuth.
" Wilh. Kurz.
" Möller.
Lic. Enderlein.
Rev. Mr. Lehman sent an oral excuse.

At 10 o'clock A. M., all the preachers went in procession to the church, and Past. Kunze preached a sermon on I Cor. 3 : 9. "Preachers as fellow-workers with God."

In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Ernst preached on John 12 : 26. "The blessedness of the true servants of Christ," and in the evening

Rev. Mühlenberg on Luke 24: 46 ff. "Repentance and forgiveness of sin through Christ."

After the latter sermon the preachers assembled in the parsonage, and after they had bowed before God in prayer, there appeared a man named Wade, who formerly had preached in some English congregations belonging to the High Church. He presented testimonials and a petition, and earnestly requested that the Ministerium examine and ordain him. Senior Mühlenberg and Pastor Helmuth had earnestly recommended him as to his good character and life. The following questions were given him in writing, to be answered by next morning.

1. How can an (uneducated) ordinary man be most easily convinced of the authenticity and the divine origin of Holy Scripture?
2. How is the genuineness of the Biblical books proved?
3. How the baptism of children?
4. What is his idea of the Holy Communion?
5. The eternity of the punishment of hell—how is it proved?
6. How the necessity of conversion is to be declared to those who are merely respectable and externally Christians?

JUNE 16TH, A. M.

Nine o'clock. A certain Mr. Paul Hinkel, in the name of several congregations, earnestly asked for license to preach and baptize children.

He was examined in Christian doctrine and found fairly proficient, and as he showed evidence of a Christian character and life, it was resolved further to consider his case.

Ten o'clock. The preachers again went to church, and President Schulze, preaching on II Tim. 4: 2 ff., presented "The picture of an Evangelical preacher, who fulfills his office well."

JUNE 16TH, P. M.

There appeared a man named Butler, of whom mention was made at the last Synodical Meeting, and begged earnestly for admission into the Ministerium. As his character before his assumption of the ministerial office was very poor, indifferent, and furthermore, no signs of a true improvement were noticed, it was unanimously resolved:

That he must forever be regarded incapable of serving in the ministerial office.

That he be advised to serve as school teacher.

3 o'clock. The Protocol of the preceding year was read and signed, and then those matters handed in which were to be considered and discussed this time, viz.: 1, concerning the above-mentioned Paul Hinkel; 2, a letter from Earltown and Strasburg; 3, a letter from the congre-

gation on the Jordan ; 4, a letter from Manheim, Mountjoy, Elisabethtown and Maytown ; 5, a letter from Rev. Mr. Helmuth ; 6, the congregations in Ober Permudian, Unter Permudian, Dover, Paradise, Carlisle and Lower Settlement ; 7, the new Hymn Book and Catechism ; 8, a question from Rev. Mr. Ernst ; 9, A letter from Rev. Mr. Möller ; 10, a question from Rev. Mr. Schroeter ; 11, Church Penance ; 12, special Conferences ; 14, concerning Mr. Wade ; 14, question concerning the Streit legacy. . . .

After mature consideration and private conferences with Mr. Hinkel, it was: 1. *Resolved*, To grant a license for preaching and the baptism of children, and give it to Pastor Krug, who shall give it to Mr. Hinkel as soon as he can show a regular call from one and the other of the distant congregations and has signed a suitable "revers." The contents of the revers are:

(1). To preach the Word of God in its purity, according to Law and Gospel, as it is explained in its chief points in the Ausburg Confession and the other Symbolical Books.

(2). Diligently to instruct children, visit the sick, care for souls and administer Holy Baptism according to the command of Christ.

(3). Diligently to exercise himself in knowledge.

(4). To adorn his office with a Christian life.

(5). Not to leave or go beyond the congregations which were entrusted to him in the license.

(6). To record the most noteworthy occurrences of his ministry in a journal and annually present this to the Synodical Meeting, also to appear personally as often as asked.

(7). To renew the license annually.

2. Earltown asks to be supplied with a preacher, and Strasburg desires to share in the services of this preacher.

Resolved, that they be free to apply to any one of the preachers in the Ministerium, as none of the brethren present has decided to take the place.

3. The congregations on the Jordan also asked for a preacher, as they had been deserted by their former pastor.

Resolved, to return the same answer as above, and recommend them to the neighboring pastors.

4. The congregations at Manheim, etc., asked for Rev. Mr. Möller in particular, which was granted them, with the admonition to apply to him directly, and to make better provision for their preacher than heretofore.

6. These congregations are at present vacant, since their former pastor, Rev. Mr. Gering, has moved to Yorktown, to become the

assistant of his father-in-law, Pastor Kurz. They evidence a desire for Rev. Mr. Ernst. They were referred to him, with the assurance that the Ministerium wished them great blessing, if it could be so arranged to the satisfaction of both parties.

Rev. Mr. Ernst undertook to visit these congregations on his way home.

The preachers went to church in the evening, at 6 o'clock, and heard Mr. Wade preach an English sermon, on Tit. 2: 14.

JUNE 17TH, A. M.

13. Mr. Wade handed in his answers to the questions given him. They were not quite satisfactory, especially on the subject of the Holy Communion. Hereupon it was resolved:

That the whole matter be referred to a committee of five preachers, who shall decide it conscientiously according to their best knowledge. Their instruction reads thus:

"You shall desire Mr. Wade to call once or twice at a convenient time at your own respective houses, in order to be instructed in some of the doctrines of the Evangelical persuasion, and particularly in the proper sense, which our church entertains of the Lord's Supper, Baptism, Predestination, etc., and as soon as you find him sufficiently acquainted therewith, he assuring you in the presence of God of the sincerity of his persuasion in this and all other respects, you shall ordain him according to the Ritual of our Church, and take such a revers, as shall be prepared for that purpose." [The English verbatim from the Protocol].

The committee appointed for this purpose consists of the Pastors—Senior Mühlenberg, Schmidt, Helmuth, Kunze and Streit, who all or three of them are empowered to carry out this resolution.

5. Rev. Mr. Helmuth's letter was read, in which he reported various circumstances referring to the new Hymn Book, Prayer Book and Catechism, therefore the seventh point was immediately taken up.

7. Concerning the new Hymn Book it was resolved: (1). That the number of copies be fixed at 1000; (2). The Destruction of Jerusalem and the Catechism of Luther remain without additions; (3). The Litany to be transferred into the Prayer Book; (4). The committee appointed last year shall again meet on the second Tuesday in September at Philadelphia, complete the entire collection, and with the consent of the other members of the Ministerium who may be present, give it unto the hands of the printer, and that (5). The preface prepared by Senior Mühlenberg be printed un-

changed, with a slight addition from Pliny concerning the hymns of the early Christians.

The Catechism shall be printed as decided last year. Mr. Kunze undertook to attend to this.

8. Rev. Mr. Ernst asked how he was to deal with certain public slanderers, whether he should bring them before the authorities or not. The former is asked for by the majority of one of his congregations. He was advised—

(1). He should secure a testimonial of his conduct from those preachers who had most come in contact with him before his ordination. Pastors Schulze, Kunze and Mühlenberg did this in full conviction that the accusations were groundless. (2). For the present he should not bring it before the authorities, but for Christ's sake bear everything in patience. (3). If the congregations are not satisfied with these decisions, he shall yield in God's name, and accept other congregations which earnestly desire him.

9. Rev. Mr. Möller wrote of a very remarkable blessing in his congregations and reported something concerning the Methodists in his neighborhood. Pastor Kunze was commissioned to convey to him our gratification with the progress of the past, and also to remind him to be careful in his dealings with the Methodists.

JUNE 17TH, P. M.

10. Rev. Mr. Schroeter asked what he was to do in the case of several congregations, where the church register and the collections are held in common by Lutherans and Reformed. As the collections are used for the repair and preservation of the church building, it was advised that for the sake of peace which is so necessary, he leave everything *in statu quo*.

11. Concerning Church Penance.—After much discussion the resolution frequently passed was renewed:

That whoever has openly sinned against the Sixth Commandment be excluded from the Holy Communion and right to stand as sponsor, and not be restored to these rights until, by a public confession, he declare his repentance.

Various questions were brought up in connection with this, *e. g.*, whether illegitimate children should be baptized before the parents or one of them have submitted to Church Penance; but these questions were postponed for further consideration at some future time.

12. The present congregations are divided into Districts, and it is most earnestly recommended to all the brethren, that they renew and maintain Special Conferences.

I. YORKTOWN DISTRICT: Yorktown, two preachers; MacCallister, two preachers; Friedrichstatt, Dover, Hegerstown, Lancaster.

II. LANCASTER DISTRICT: Lancaster, Earltown, Manheim, Tulpehocken, Reading, Misillum.

III. MACUNSHY DISTRICT: Macunshy, Indianfield, Misillum, Greenwich, Allentown, N. Germantown, New Hanover.

IV. PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT: Philadelphia, Germantown, Pike-land, New Hanover, Indianfield.

V. NEW YORK DISTRICT.

14. With reference to the Streit legacy, it was resolved:

That if no special order be received from Germany, it be annually divided between those ordained preachers present at the Synodical Meeting, sick and old preachers excepted, who, as well as each widow of a regular preacher, shall draw their full share.

At this time Rev. Mr. Kunze asked a question concerning \$400 interest due on the above-mentioned legacy, for which he and Rev. Mr. Helmuth wrote, but which, on the way, was taken by the British.

Resolved, That we wait for further directions from Germany—but the preachers present promised for themselves, that, if Prof. Freylinghausen refused it to Rev. Messrs. Kunze and Helmuth, they would remit Mr. Kunze's share, on the condition that he take a young man named Schaefer, and keep him one year, board free, and prepare him for the ministry.

Finally all the preachers bowed before God, renewed the covenant of faithfulness to their Great Shepherd, and of brotherly love toward one another; then they elected Pastor Schulze President, Rev. Henr. Mühlenberg, Jun., Secretary, appointed Lancaster as the place of the next Synodical Meeting on the Festival of the Trinity, 1784, and for the last time went to church, where they were edified by Rev. Mr. Wildbahn, on the text Acts 14: 17, and dismissed with a final admonition and benediction by Rev. Mr. Goering.

That the above was done at a Synodical Meeting held at Yorktown, we witness.

EMANUEL SCHULZE,
p. t. President.

HENRY MÜHLENBERG, JUN.,
Secretary.

THIRTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION.

1784.

(JUNE 7, 8. LANCASTER.)

As it was appointed at the last Synodical Meeting of an Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium held at Yorktown, the meeting of this year opened at Lancaster on June 6th. The preachers went to church and Dr. Kunze edified the large audience from the Gospel John 3: 1 sqq.

In the afternoon Pastor Krug preached on Luke 13: 23-24, and in the evening Pastor Röller, on Heb. 12: 15.

June 7th, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Pastor Schulze, the President, preached on James 1: 22; after the close of service all the preachers and delegates went to the school-house, began with prayer, and the following points were suggested for consideration:

1. Letters from Virginia, to wit: Rockingham County, Shenandoah County, Frederick County; 2, a letter from Rev. Mr. Helmuth; 3, a letter from Rev. Mr. Möller; 4, letters from the congregations at the Silver Run; 5, a libelous writing of a vagabond against Rev. Mr. Schwerdfeger; 6, Halle report; 7, letters from Virginia, to wit: Winchester, Woodstock and Strasburg; 8, questions from several congregations in Shamokin; 9, recommendation of a candidate for a license; 10, question concerning the admission of certain persons to the Lord's Supper; 11, concerning the Streit legacy; 12, concerning the Hymn-book and Catechism; 13, concerning Dickinson College; 14, account of a new University at New York; 15, concerning calling of new preachers from Germany; 16, concerning the Ministerial Order and the Church Agende; 17, concerning the number of baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased.

JUNE 7TH, P. M.

All the preachers assembled in the parsonage, viz.:

P. Nicolaus Kurtz, from Yorktown.

" Wilhelm Kurtz, from Lebanon.

" Ludwig Voigt, from Pikeland.

- P. Andreas Krug, from Friederich's stadt.
 " Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
 " Carl. Fredk. Wildbahn, from Reading.
 " Joh. Christoph. Kunze, from Philadelphia.
 " Christian Streit, from New Hanover.
 " Conrad Röeller, from Indianfield.
 " Jacob Goering, from Yorktown.
 " Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.
 " Daniel Schroeter, from McAllister.
 " Frederick Ernst, from Greenwich.

I myself, Henrich Mühlenberg, Jun., *Pastor Loci*, Catechist Paul Hinckel, from Virginia with four delegates.

First of all, the Protocol of the preceding convention was read, and several points were explained and more fully defined, especially concerning Church Penance, that open transgressors against the Sixth Commandment shall rise, in a public confession and give evidence of their repentance; also, that illegitimate children should be baptized even if the parents have not submitted to Church Penance.

N. 1. Then No. 1 was taken up. The letters contained the request to ordain Mr. Paul Hinckel, or at least extend his license. Mr. Hinckel was again examined in writing, and thereupon it was resolved to extend his license for one year, and to exhort the congregations by a circular letter, to prepare a call for a preacher and entrust it to the Ministerium, which will not fail to transmit it to Europe.

N. 2. Rev. Mr. Helmuth gave a satisfactory excuse for his absence; communicated some sad news from Germany; recommended a thorough and scholarly education of our youth; asked whether a certain sermon of Luther should not be reprinted, and desired a more detailed account of the use to be made of the Streit Legacy. In reference to the last, it was resolved, that after deducting £17 for printing the Ministerial Order and the Church Agende, 500 thalers, *i. e.* £125, be divided among the preachers present, and Senior Mühlenberg, Revs. Helmuth and Möller, who had excused their absence, and Widow Schaum.

At evening time, all the members went to the church, and Rev. Mr. Goering edified the congregation with an exposition of Job. 7: 38.

JUNE 8TH, A.M.

No. 2. Rev. Mr. Helmuth's letter was again taken up, and two questions answered.

(1.) Whether the preachers wished, at their expense, to print a sermon of Luther? It was declined for the present, on account of the hard times.

(2.) What should be done with reference to 400 thalers, interest on the Streit legacy, of which mention was made last year? It was resolved that the preachers in Philadelphia should not be pressed for this money, on condition that they pay over as much as they could recover.

No. 3. Rev. Mr. Möller gave a sufficient excuse for his absence, and expressed a desire to withdraw from teaching in Philadelphia, and devote himself entirely to pastoral work. Dr. Kunze added verbally that Mr. Möller would probably accept the congregation at Albania.

No. 4. The written communications from Silver Run contained complaints against Rev. Mr. Schroeter, made by two elders, and his defence, signed by some others. It was resolved to hold a Special Conference near that place, and the neighboring preachers were appointed a committee to examine into the matter more closely.

No. 5. The libellous writing was not read in public, because of the shortness of the time. One Fredk. Aug. Walberg, who preaches in New York, is the author, and the entire document is unchristian and ungodly.

No. 6. The Halle Report shall be distributed to all the preachers.

No. 7. They urgently asked for a preacher: they are numerous and well able to support a preacher, and it is to be desired that they may be cared for, because then many surrounding districts, which are full of neglected Lutherans, may find some help and refuge.

Resolved, that Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Sen., or if he is too weak, Rev. Mr. Goering, visit the congregations.

No. 8. Various persons from Shamokin asked verbally whether some other preacher than Catechist Enderlein may not hold Communion Service, as they are not satisfied with him. They were advised against it, but permission was granted to ask Rev. Mr. Kurtz, Jun., for a visiting sermon, who might then investigate the matter.

No. 9. The candidate recommended is Mr. Daniel Kurtz, a son of the venerable Mr. Kurtz, of Yorktown. He had been instructed for almost three years in languages, theological and other sciences, and his teacher, Rev. Mühlberg, of Lancaster, gave him a good testimonial, in reference to his diligence and good character, and requested that he be examined and granted a license. Hereupon he was brought forward and examined. Pastor Voigt started with Hebrew, and had the First Psalm translated, and asked various grammatical questions. He also had Matth. 28: 19, 20, translated and explained. Dr. Kunze examined him farther in Greek, and Rev. 1: 1-6, and Heb. 11: 1, 21, were translated.

The gentlemen present expressed their satisfaction, and gave him the following questions to be answered in writing:

(1.) How is it proved that Christ was not merely a teacher of men, but also offered a true satisfaction for men?

(2.) What are the works and benefits of the Holy Spirit?

(3.) By what evidence do men know that they are converted?

(4.) How is the baptism of children proved?

(5.) How is the eternity of the punishment of Hell declared?

(6.) Are the Apostles infallible in the exposition of doctrine?

No. 10. 1st Question: Shall persons be admitted to the Lord's Supper, who have been instructed and confirmed by self-made, uneducated preachers? Answer: Not without first carefully examining, and confirming them.

2nd Question: Whether a testimonial shall be required of every stranger, admitting him to the Lord's Supper (at least in the case of residents)?

Resolved, to leave this to the wisdom and conscience of each preacher, inasmuch as this cannot be generally carried out in this country.

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No. 11. Rev. Mühlenberg gave to the preachers their share of the interest—seventeen preachers and one preacher's widow each received £6. The remaining £17 was paid to Dr. Kunze, in order to have the Ministerial Order, and the Church Agende printed. For this, Rev. Mr. Helmuth had handed in £83, and Rev. Mühlenberg, in Lancaster, £12, according to their account in Germany.

No. 12. Concerning the Hymn Book, resolved to make another effort, and if Mr. Steiner refuse, to try another printer. The preachers promised to buy from the printer as soon as it is published, as follows:

Pastors Kurtz, Sen., 50 copies; Voigt, 50; Schulze, 50; Kunze, 50; Mühlenberg, 50; Lehman, 50; Streit, 50; Roeller, 50; Schroeter, 50; Goering, 50; Ernst, 50.

Many of those absent will certainly take the same number, and Dr. Kunze promised this in particular for Rev. Mr. Helmuth—50.

No. 13. A letter from the Trustees of the new College at Carlisle, in which they ask assistance for their Institution. The Trustees present in our Ministerium, Pastors Kurtz, Sen., Schulze and Mühlenberg, were commissioned to answer orally, promising our assistance and support through contributions and recommendations.

No. 14. Dr. Kunze made a report concerning a new university in New York.

No. 15. Whether and how preachers are to be called from Germany? The harvest is great, and the laborers are few. We consider it absolutely necessary to call at least two new ones. To furnish the travelling

expense is one of the greatest difficulties. *Resolved* to ask our Fathers to use the interest of the Streit legacy for this purpose, if there are no other funds in Germany, until it becomes easier to make the necessary collections here, either in individual congregations, or in all.

No. 16. The Ministerial Order and Church Agende shall be printed as soon as possible, in two parts which may be bound separately. Dr. Kunze undertook to attend to this.

No. 17. Each preacher brings or sends a yearly account of the Baptized, Confirmed, Communicants and Buried from one New Year to the next. The reports of this year are still very imperfect:

(1.) H. Mühlenberg, in Lancaster, January 1, 1783–1784, baptized 211, among these 5 adults, confirmed 66, buried 40, and administered Communion to 615.

(2.) Rev. Mr. Wildbahn, in Reading, baptized 61, confirmed 44, communicants 436, buried 54—among these many Reformed—except among communicants—because their preacher is sick.

(3.) Rev. Mr. Ernst, gave the entire account since November 26th, 1783, till June, 1784: Baptized 350, confirmed 225, communicants 1200, died 31.

(4.) Rev. Roeller, January 1, 1783–1784: Baptized 77, confirmed 23, communicants 537, died 19.

(5.) Rev. Lehman, June, 1783–1784: Baptized 182, confirmed 91, died 27.

(6.) Rev. Schroeter, in 8 congregations: Baptized 162, communicants 629, died 6.

Next year we hope that fuller reports will be made.

The candidate, Mr. Daniel Kurtz, presented his answers to the questions given him, and the Ministerium decided that they were thorough and satisfactory, and granted him a license to administer the Word and Sacraments in congregations to which the elder Pastor Kurtz might send him. The license is valid until the next Synodical Meeting.

After the above questions were discussed, the President was charged fraternally and earnestly to exhort the absent members to attend more faithfully, as it is the intention hereafter to adhere closely to the Ministerial Order, which (Chap. 5, §§ 2, 3, 4,) declares very specifically against such negligence. The President shall communicate or have communicated a copy of these sections to those absent, in order that they may know the mind of their brethren.

Finally they proceeded to the appointing of a place and time for our next meeting, and to the election of a President and Secretary.

The next Synodical Convention shall be held at Philadelphia on the

Festival of the Trinity, 1785. Pastor Schultze, President, and Rev. Mr. Helmuth, Secretary.

Then all the preachers bowed down before God, and commended themselves and their congregations to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, once more went to church, and heard Rev. Mr. Kurz, Sen., preach on Mark. 16: 16 sq., and were dismissed by the *pastor loci* with the Benediction.

That the above thus took place, we witness:

HENR. MÜHLENBERG, JUN.,
Secretary.

EMANUEL SCHULTZE,
p. t. President.

THIRTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION.

1785.

MAY 22-24.—PHILADELPHIA.

On the 20th and 21st of May, the members of the Rev. Ministerium arrived gradually. Rev. Goering preached in St. Michael's Church, on Friday evening, on John 14: 23. "Of the sure results of the love of Jesus." 1. The love of Jesus; 2. Its sure results.

On Saturday evening, Mr. Daniel Kurz, preached in St. Michael's, on Heb. 12: 15, theme: "Warning against the delay of conversion." 1. What it is to delay conversion; 2. The warning.

SUNDAY, MAY 22D.

In the forenoon, Rev. Mühlenberg, Jun., preached in Zion's, on John 21: 15-17. "It is the will of Jesus that we love Him and His cause." 1. He wills that we love Him; 2. Love His cause.

In St. Michael's, Rev. Schroeter preached in II Tim. 1: 9. "God's great and gracious call to men." 1. Its character; 2. Its means.

In the afternoon, Mr. Lehman preached on Col. 3: 15. "Pious thoughts of peace." 1. The nature of the peace of the soul; 2. Its origin.

In St. Michael's, Mr. Wilhelm Kurz preached on Ephes. 2: 4, 5. "The divine gift of grace." 1. Wherein it consists in making alive; 2. Its pure fountain, *v.* 4.

In the evening, Mr. Schmidt preached in Zion's, on Galat. 6: 15. "The change of heart necessary to salvation."

MONDAY, MAY 23D, A. M.

The preachers present assembled in the vestry-room of Zion's Church at 9 o'clock, viz.:

1. Rev. Mr. Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
2. " W. Kurz, from Lebanon.
3. Rev. Dr. Helmuth, *pastor loci*.
4. Rev. Mr. Schmidt, from Germantown.
5. " Mühlenberg, Jun., from Lancaster.
6. " Streit, from New Hanover.

7. Rev. Mr. Busskerk, from Macunsky.
8. " Röllér, from Goschenhoppen.
9. " Jung, from Hagerstown.
10. " Wildbahn, from Reading.
11. " Goering, from Yorktown.
12. " Lehman, from Mosillum.
13. " Schroeter, from MacAllistertown.
14. " Ernst, from Greenwich.
15. " Melzheimer, from Manheim.
16. " Candidate Daniel Kurz, from Yorktown.
17. " Hartung also attended.

The following members sent excuses, either written or verbal. Senior Mühlenberg, Krug, Kurtz, Sr., Voigt.

In the hour from 9 to 10 A. M., Rev. Mr. Schulze preached on James 1: 22, 23. "The correct and salutary use of God's Word." 1. Wherein it consists; 2. To apply it.

After the close of service all the preachers and delegates from several congregations went to the vestry-room, opened the conference with prayer, and handed in the following points for consideration.

1. Delegates from Egypt, Heidelberg and Lindon in Northampton County petitioned that Mr. Schelhard be ordained as their preacher; 2. A paper from the congregation in Yorktown; 3. A paper from Tulpehocken; 4. A paper from Maryland, from Mr. Schroeter's congregations; 5. A paper from Mr. Kurz, Sen.; 6. A paper from Senior Mühlenberg; 7. A paper from Carlisle; 8. A paper from Sheppards-town in Virginia; 9. A paper from Mr. Lütge; 10. A pro memoria referring to Mr. Henkel; 11. A pro memoria from New Hanover; 12. The matter of Anton Hecht's call; 13. From New Holland; 14. From Pawlinskil; 15. Rev. Mr. Melzheimer desires to be received into the Ministerium; 16. Mr. Busskerk has something to present.

Mr. Helmuth, who was chosen Secretary at the last Synodical Meeting, put Mr. Schmidt in his place on account of his being overburdened with work.

No. 15 was taken up first and unanimously resolved, that Mr. Melzheimer be received into the United Ministerium.

1. *Resolved*, that the petition of the congregations in Egypt, etc., could not yet be granted, because most of the members of the Ministerium did not know Mr. Schelhard sufficiently.

3. The Protocol of the last conference was read.

In connection with this, the question was asked, how matters stood in reference to the publication of the new Hymn Book? Answer: It is

in press. The following gentlemen also promised to take copies: Mr. Schmidt 50, Mr. Busskerk 50, Mr. Wildbahn 50, Mr. Röller 50, Mr. Melzheimer 50, Mr. Jung 50, Mr. Wilhelm Kurz 50, Mr. Daniel Kurz 50. Further, it was

Resolved, that Messrs. Helmuth, Schmidt, W. Kurz, Mühlenberg, Jun., be a committee to reduce the number of the hymns, and Messrs. Helmuth and Schmidt were commissioned to alter and shorten many of the hymns, and attend to the printing of the Hymn Book.

Resolved, that Messrs. Helmuth, Schmidt and Mühlenberg, Jun., make some changes in the Church Agende, and that Mr. Helmuth then have 400 copies in octavo, and 100 copies with wide margin printed.

No. 11. The letter was read: New Hanover and the congregations united with it, desire to have Mr. Nicolaus Kurz or Mr. Göring as their preacher; therefore, resolved, that these gentlemen answer the congregations.

The morning session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, MAY 23D, P.M.

At 2 o'clock the preachers assembled in Rev. Helmuth's home, and after prayer continued their Synodical work.

No. 3. The congregations in Tulpehocken requested in writing and through delegates, that Mr. Schulze might not be taken from them. As Mr. Schulze received a call from Philadelphia a year ago, but to the present has given no decisive answer as to whether he is willing to move to Philadelphia or not, the whole matter was referred to him.

No. 4. After the communication from Zion's Church, in Baltimore City, with its complaints against Mr. Schröter, was read, and the matter considered, it was

Resolved, that the congregation be informed that the Ministerium has told Mr. Schröter its opinion in reference to the matter, and hopes that he will act in accordance with the counsel given, and that thereby peace and unity may be restored.

No. 5. Mr. Nicolaus Kurz reports, in his letter, that he is much concerned about several congregations beyond the Susquehanna, and suggests a young man, who could be used there as catechist. Hereupon it was

Resolved, the Ministerium has no objections to the proposition of Mr. Kurz, but leaves it entirely in his hands, where and how he can and will use him with benefit.

No. 12. The matter of the call of Mr. Hecht: The congregations at Tohicon, Upper Dublin and North Wales desire to have Mr. Hecht, who formerly kept school, as their preacher, and petition the Ministerium

to ordain him. Mr. Hecht himself was not present, and only a few members of the Ministerium know him; therefore answer was made to the congregations that their request could not be granted.

The Conference was closed with prayer.

At evening service, Mr. Melzheimer preached on Rom. 1: 16: "The Gospel a power of God unto salvation. 1. How it is called a power; 2. for whom?"

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, A.M.

No. 7. The congregation in Carlisle asks earnestly for a preacher, as also

No. 8. The congregation at Scheppardstown, in Virginia. But by reason of the lack of preachers, no assistance could be given. Mr. Nicolaus Kurz was charged to assist them as much as possible.

No. 10. A pro memoria concerning Mr. Hinkel was read, and thereupon resolved, that his license be renewed for one year, and that Rev. Mr. Jung assist him as much as possible.

No. 9. Mr. Lütge, who had been ordained by a preacher named Meyer, asked in writing for admission into the Ministerium. But it was resolved that the United Ministerium did not want to have anything further to do with him.

No. 13. The congregations in New Holland reported that they were without a preacher, and had sent a call to Mr. Göring, but had not yet received a decisive answer. Mr. Göring appeared to have no desire to accept this call.

No. 14. The congregation at Pawlingskill has some complaints against its preacher, Mr. Ernst, and requests that we ordain one named Carl Benjamin Tannapfel to be their preacher.

Resolved, that this request cannot be granted. Mr. Ernst was fraternally admonished that he, on his part, give no occasion for complaint or disturbance.

No. 16. Between Mr. Buskirk and Mr. Lehman some difficulties had arisen concerning a newly-built church. It was therefore

Resolved, that no preacher belonging to the Ministerium, should accept a congregation, which was only one or two miles distant from a church served by a member of the Ministerium; except with the consent of the regular pastor.

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, P.M.

The following gentlemen reported the number of baptized, confirmed, communicants, and buried in their respective congregations during the past year:

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Buried.
1. Helmuth, Philadelphia . .	423	165	2000 ¹	204
2. Wilhelm Kurz, in Lebanon .	170	80	660	—
3. Schmidt, in Germantown . .	137	57	531	43
4. Mühlenberg, in Lancaster . .	179	66	627	46
5. Röller, in Goschenhoppen. .	68	87	483	27
6. Jung, in Hegerstown, 1782 .	219	237	929	36
“ “ 1783 .	140	113	678	17
“ “ 1784 .	153	73	630	24
7. Wildbahn, in Reading . .	70	42	427	25
8. Göring, in Yorktown . .	160	83	—	—
9. Lehmann, in Mosillum . .	205	72	—	33
10. Schröter, in MacAllistertown .	163	150	450	10
11. Ernst, in Greenwich . .	75	3	—	7

Mr. Helmuth reported to the Synodical Meeting that he had received the accounts of the interest of the Streit Legacy from Halle, and that according to these accounts the remainder of the reported interest was to be distributed to the preachers; and, therefore, requested that the Ministerium appoint a committee to audit the above accounts of the 2nd of Nov., 1784, signed by Inspector Fabricius, and make a report. Thereupon it was resolved, that Messrs. Schulze, Schmidt, and Mühlenberg, Jun., be a committee to attend to the above.

This committee found, after due investigation, that according to the reported accounts, there remained for distribution 672 thalers, 3 groschen and 8 pfenige.

This sum, it is shown by the above accounts, is to be paid by the following gentlemen :

	Thal- ers.	Gros- chen.	Pfen- ige.
1. Mr. Helmuth had money paid to his mother in Germany	50	00	00
2. Mr. Kunze had money paid to his brothers in Germany	50	00	00
3. Mr. Schulze had money paid to his mother in Germany	178	00	00
4. Mr. Mühlenberg, Jun., had money paid to the Orphan- house and Profess. Knapp	14	00	00
5. Helmuth, on the book account, 95 pounds, Pennsyll. currency, @ 4 th., make	380	00	00
	672	00	00

This sum was applied as follows :

1. Mr. Helmuth paid the 50 th. paid to his mother, and of the 380 th. to the preachers at this Synodical Meeting, 90 pounds Pens. cur., make	360	00	00
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¹ About 2000.

Further, tuition for four academical students, according to receipts from the Trustees of the University in Philadelphia, £17 6s. 8d. make	69	8	00
And retained, with the consent of the Ministerium, for printing the Church Agende	14	00	00
As the Seminary was discontinued, Mr. Helmuth intends to apply the 13 th. 16 gr. appropriated for it, as tuition money in the academy for a certain Zentler, who formerly was in the Seminary, since he believes by this means he will come nearest to fulfilling the intention of Mr. Kunze	13	16	00
To the heirs of Handschuh, according to above accounts.	3	00	00
2. Mr. Mühlenberg paid his 14 th. to the preachers present	14	00	00
3. Mr. Schulze promised also to pay his 178 th., for which some of the preachers accept a draft on him	178	00	00
4. Mr. Kunze has not yet paid his 50 th.	50	00	00
	702	00	00

According to the above accounts there were to distribute subtr. 672

Since the entire sum partly paid and distributed, and partly still to be paid amounts to 702 th., Mr. Helmuth advanced 30¹

The accounts sent from Halle were also presented to the Ministerium in the original.

The above, referring to the accounts is, at the special order of the appointed committee and the Synodical Meeting, attested by

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
Secretary.

Upon motion, it was resolved, that it was unnecessary and difficult to invite the preachers in writing to each Synodical Meeting, since the meeting is held annually on the Festival of the Trinity, and the place is always decided upon beforehand, and because it is impossible to forward the letters to the respective preachers.

Thereupon the preachers present proceeded to the appointment of the place for the meeting of next year, to the election of a President and a Secretary for the following year; by a majority of votes, Philadelphia was again chosen as the place of meeting, Dr. Helmuth, President, and Mr. Schmidt, Secretary.

¹ The remainder, 30 th., is not advanced, but makes up the 55 pounds sterling, for which Mr. Helmuth received goods from Holland through Mr. Bell, while Mr. Kunze had counted them as paid for in cash.

In closing, all the preachers bent their knees before God, and the President closed with prayer.

In the evening, Mr. Wildbahn preached on Mark 16: 19: "Of the worship which we owe to the Saviour who sits at the Right Hand of God," and Mr. Helmuth, as pastor loci, dismissed all the preachers with a benediction.

That the above thus happened, is witnessed by

EMANUEL SCHULZE,

P. t. Præses.

JOH. FRIEDERICH SCHMIDT,

P. t. Secretary.

APPENDIX TO THE SYNODICAL MEETING OF 1785.

Names of those to whom the above-mentioned sums were distributed :

	Pounds Pennsylvania currency.	Thalers.	Gros- chen.	Pfenige
1. Mr. Helmuth paid in cash—				
To Mr. Buskirk	6 making	24	00	00
" Ernst	6 "	24	00	00
" Melzheimer	6 "	24	00	00
" Schröter	6 "	24	00	00
" Lehman	6 "	24	00	00
" Schmidt	6 "	24	00	00
" Röller	6 "	24	00	00
" Göring	6 "	24	00	00
" Dan. Kurz	6 "	24	00	00
" Jung	6 "	24	00	00
" Hartwig	6 "	24	00	00
" Friederici, through Mr. Bus- kirk	6 "	24	00	00
" Kurz, Sen., through his son Daniel K.	6 "	24	00	00
" Streit	6 "	24	00	00
" Voigt, through Mr. Streit .	6 "	24	00	00
2. Mr. Schulze promised to pay to the following :				
To Mr. Sen. Mühlenberg	6 making	24	00	00
" Dr. Helmuth	6 "	24	00	00
" For his own share	6 "	24	00	00
" Wilh. Kurz	6 "	24	00	00
" Krug	6 "	24	00	00
" Wildbahn	6 "	24	00	00
" Widow Schaum	6 "	24	00	00

To Mr. Mühlenberg, Jun., £2 10s., besides what is to be paid him, £3 10s.	6 making	24	00	00
“ Mr. Helmuth retained, for print- ing Agende	3 10s. “	14	00	00
	<u>£141 10s. “</u>	<u>566</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>
When to this sum is added (1) the above tuition fees	69	8	00	
(2) 13 th. gr., appointed for the Seminary, 3,				
(3) th. for the Handschuh heirs	16	16	00	
(4) still to be paid by Mr. Kunze	50	00	00	
	<u>702</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>00</u>	
The above sum results, viz.				

Besides the above mentioned 50 th., Mr. Kunze owes 5 pounds sterling, or 7 pounds, 10 shillings Pennsylvania currency, making together 20 pounds Penns. cur., of this he himself takes 6 pounds, the remaining 14 pounds are divided into 24 equal parts, and distributed among the preachers.

J. FRIEDERICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, March 11, 1786.

Received from Dr. H. Helmuth the sum of 7 pounds, 10 shillings, for binding one hundred and fifty copies of the Church Agende of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium. Received by us £7 10s.

SAM. & JOHN BAKER.

THIRTY-NINTH CONVENTION.

1786.

JUNE 11-14. PHILADELPHIA.

On June 9th and 10th the members of the Ministerium arrived gradually, and Mr. Kunze preached in the evening in Zion's Church, on Philippians 1: 3. "The good confidence of the ministers of the Word." 1. The object of their confidence; 2. The ground of this confidence.

On Saturday evening, Mr. Daniel Kurz preached on I Corinth. 2: 1-4. "The teaching of Paul concerning Jesus the crucified." 1. The human race is perishing; 2. From this misery Jesus has delivered us and obtained righteousness for all; 3. To obtain this we must believe on Him.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH.

In the forenoon, Mr. Kunze preached in Zion's Church on Matth. 22: 4. "The hand of God in the repeated sending and changing of His servants." 1. The divine sending in general; 2. The hand of God in the repetitions, and changes accompanying them.

In the forenoon in St. Michael's Church, Mr. Krug preached on Rom. 8: 16, 17. "How the Holy Spirit assures believers." 1. Of their present; 2. Of their future salvation.

In the afternoon in Zion's Church, Mr. Schulz preached on Matth. 6: 15. "The true inner Evangelical worship of God." 1. What opposes it; 2. In what it consists.

In the afternoon in St. Michael's, Mr. Wildbahn preached on I John 3: 1, 2, 3. "The State of Adoption." 1. Its honor and glory; 2. Its inheritance and blessedness; 3. Its obligation.

In the evening in Zion's Church, Mr. Mühlenberg, Jun., preached on John 13: 33-35. "How Jesus encourages us to brotherly love." 1. The address; 2. The special command given; 3. The command emphasized.

Between the afternoon and evening services, some of the preachers present assembled in Mr. Helmuth's house, edified themselves together through instructive and beneficial conversations, and bowed their knees together before God's throne of grace.

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, A. M.

At 9 o'clock the preachers assembled in Zion's Church, and Mr. Wilhelm Kurz preached on Sirach 18 : 22. "The great danger in delaying conversion."

The preachers in attendance at this year's Synodical Meeting are :

1. Mr. Wilhelm Kurz, from Lebanon.
2. " Voigt, from Pikestown.
3. " Krug, from Friedrichstown.
4. " Schulz, from Tulpehocken.
5. " Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
6. " Schmidt, from Germantown.
7. " Kunze, from New York.
8. " Mühlenberg, Jun., from Lancaster.
9. " Wildbahn, from Reading.
10. " Busskerk, from Macunshy.
11. " Röller, from Goschenhoppen.
12. " Göring, from Yorktown.
13. " Lehman, from Mesillum.
14. " Schroeter, from MacAllister.
15. " Ernst, from Greenwich.
16. " Melzheimer, from New Holland.
17. " Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.

After the sermon was finished, the conference was opened with prayer.

1. Two delegates from Moore township handed in various written complaints against Mr. Ernst, and requested that he be removed from their congregation, and it be supplied with another preacher. Mr. Ernst defended himself against the accusations, and maintained that some of them were false, and others based on a misunderstanding. The delegates themselves confessed that they could not prove all the complaints, inasmuch as they and the others who had signed the accusation, had written their names on a blank sheet of paper, and that a man named Dickhant had afterward written the complaints on it.

After due consideration the delegates were earnestly admonished not to let themselves be used as tools for the furtherance of evil, but for their part to strive to re-establish and preserve peace, harmony and love among and toward each other. And finally

Resolved, that Mr. Ernst resign his call to the congregation mentioned, but that the congregation be informed in writing, that the Ministerium hopes they will pay Mr. Ernst his back salary.

The morning sermon was closed with prayer.

ON THE SAME DAY, P.M.

After the prayer.

2. A letter of excuse from Mr. Kurz, Sr., was read.

3. The President reported, that according to accounts from Halle he had a certain sum of money to distribute to the preachers; and that the Fathers in Halle wished that certain funds be securely invested here in America.

In reference to the first, Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Mühlenberg, Jun., were requested to audit the accounts, and to determine how much and to whom the interest was to be distributed. They found as follows:

According to the above accounts, dated Halle, October 1, 1785, signed by Insp. Fabricius, the interest for two years and other charitable gifts were received—938 reichthaler, 14 groschen.

	Pounds	Shil.	Pence.
These make in Pennsylvania currency, 5s. 6d. pro R.			
thaler,	258	1	11
To this is to be added 2s. 6d., remaining from the sum			
set apart for printing the Agende,		2	6
	258	4	5
From this was deducted, for Mr. Schulze's mother,			
10 thalers,	2	15	0
Further, initiation fee in the academy,	26	6	6
For a needy person,		15	
Divided amongst twenty-one preachers (including			
Widow Schaum),	228	7	6
	258	4	5

N. B.—According to last year's accounts, Mr. Kunze had 50 Th. and £5 sterling to pay to the preachers, but he reported that he had remitted the 50 Th. to Halle; from the £5 sterling, making £8 Pennsylvania currency, he took the £6 due him, and the remaining £2 the Ministerium directed him to pay to Mr. Möller in Albania.

In regard to investing funds, it was

Resolved, That if the corporation of St. Michael's and Zion's is willing to take it as a perpetual fund for the payment of interest, it shall pay only five per cent. interest. The original obligation for this shall be made to the Fathers in Halle, and the Ministerium shall have a copy. Mr. Voigt, Mr. Helmuth and Mr. Schmidt were appointed a committee to look after the correctness of this obligation.

Resolved, That the interest shall be applied as follows:

(1.) For tuition for six academical students, according to the appointment of the Fathers in Halle.

(2.) For the regular preachers present at the annual Synodical Meeting.

(3.) For old and sick preachers who cannot attend.

(4.) For the widows of regular preachers.

(5.) Those also shall have their share who satisfactorily and in writing excuse their absence from the annual Synodical Meeting.

Closed with prayer.

At the evening service in Zion's, Mr. Röller preached on Philip. 2: 12. "The true earnestness of the Christian in his conversion: 1, before, and 2, after conversion."

TUESDAY, JUNE 13, A.M.

4. A letter from the congregations at New Hanover and New Goshenhoppen was read, in which they ask the Ministerium for a preacher.

Resolved, That answer be made to them in writing, that they may extend a call to any preacher in the Ministerium.

5. A letter from the congregation at Manheim was read, in which they ask for Mr. Melzheimer or some other preacher.

Resolved, That the neighboring preachers serve the congregation as much as possible.

6. Several congregations in York township desire a Mr. Schäfer as their pastor.

Resolved, That some questions be given him immediately to be answered in writing.

7. A writing from several congregations in Northampton County was read, in which they ask that a Mr. Schelhard be ordained as their preacher by the Ministerium.

Resolved, That Mr. Schelhard can not be ordained.

Upon motion, it was

Resolved, That no member of the Ministerium shall have anything to do with any candidate, or any person who represents himself as a preacher, if the person be not received by the Ministerium or recommended by the President or a District Conference.

8. The congregation in New Holland, Earl township, requests to be united with Modecriek.

Resolved, That the Ministerium give its consent.

9. On motion it was

Resolved, That a dozen bound copies of the printed Church Agende be given to Mr. Kunze to take along for the use of Lutheran preachers

in New York State; and that the corporation of St. Michael's and Zion's in Philadelphia be requested to take care of and preserve the unbound copies of this Agende for the future use of the Ministerium.

11. On motion it was

Resolved, That in case the United Lutheran preachers in New York State send a copy of the Protocol of their meeting to this Ministerium, a copy of ours be sent to them.

Closed with prayer.

ON THE SAME DAY, P.M.

After prayer, 12. A letter from the congregation in Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was read, in which it requests the Ministerium to ordain Mr. Daniel Kurz as its preacher.

Resolved, That said congregation belongs to the Ministerium, and that instead of an examination, some questions to be answered in writing be given to Mr. Daniel Kurz.

Resolved, That an address to United Evangelical Lutheran congregations in North America be published in the newspaper.

13. A letter from the congregation in Yorktown was read, in which it expresses its satisfaction with its present preachers, Mr. Kurz, Sr., and Mr. Goering.

14. The congregation in Whitpain, Upper Dublin and Gwynedd request that Mr. Hecht be at least granted permission to preach and baptize.

Resolved, That Mr. Helmuth and Mr. Schmidt be a committee, to examine Mr. Hecht, and in accordance with their judgment grant him a license, with restrictions, and that he be under the supervision of the neighboring preachers of the Ministerium.

15. Several complaints against Mr. Kurz, Sr., were presented by a Reformed congregation in York County, which has an equal share in a church with a Lutheran congregation.

Resolved, That Mr. Mühlenberg, in Lancaster, together with the Reformed preacher Hendel [whom he shall request to assist him] shall endeavor to adjust matters.

16. On motion,

Resolved, That the Ministerium write a letter to the Nolltown congregation and admonish it to pay its preacher, Mr. Ernst, the salary due him

17. Messrs. Daniel Kurz and Schäfer handed over the answers, to the questions given. They were read, and

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Kurz be ordained to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, in Zion's Church, Philadelphia, by the President, in presence of the preachers still present, and that at the same time, after prayer

and the right hand of fellowship, the President give Mr. Schäfer a license for a year.

18. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary announce the time and place of each Synodical Meeting some time beforehand in the paper.

19. Finally the preachers proceeded to the election of a President and Secretary, and to the determination of the place for the following year; by majority of votes Mr. Helmuth was elected President, Mr. Schmidt, Secretary, and Lancaster was appointed as the place for the meeting.

In closing, all the preachers bowed their knees before the throne of grace, and the President closed with prayer.

In the evening Mr. Lehman preached in Zion, on II Cor. 5: 14.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH, A.M.

In accordance with resolution No. 17, Mr. Dan. Kurz was ordained, and Mr. Schäfer was granted a license; whereupon Mr. Helmuth, as Pastor loci, dismissed the preachers with the Benediction.

N. B.—Of the above-mentioned sum of £228, 7s. 11d., the persons named received as follows:

	£.	Sh.	D.		Th.	Gr.	Pfen.
Mr. Wilhelm Kurz	10	17	6	making	39	13	5½
“ Voigt	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Krug	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Schulz	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Helmuth	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Schmidt	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Kunze	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Mühlenberg, Jun.	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Wildbahn	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Buskerk	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Röllér	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Göring	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Lehman	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Schröter	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Ernst	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Melzsheimer	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
“ Dan. Kurz	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
Further — Mr. Mühlenberg, Sr. } through Mr. {	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
Mr. Kurz, Sr. . } Mühlenberg, {	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
Widow Schaum. } Jun. . . . {	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
Mr. Friederici, through Mr. Buskerk	10	17	6	“	39	13	5½
	228	7	6	“	830	15	2½

To be added—1. Tuition fee	26	6	6	“	95	16	00
2. Mr. Schulz's mother	2	15	0	“	10	00	00
3. As above	00	15	0	“	2	17	6
	<u>258</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	“	<u>939</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>8½</u>

THE NUMBER OF BAPTIZED, CONFIRMED, COMMUNICANTS, BURIED,
DURING THE LAST YEAR.

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Buried.
Mr. Wilhelm Kurz	160	25	589	—
“ Helmuth	—	—	—	—
“ Schmidt	47	—	212	19
“ Kunze	90	—	—	50
“ Mühlenberg	150	71	713	37
“ Wildbahn	68	58	526	24
“ Jung	165	117	545	23
“ Röller	93	15	517	21
“ Göring	42	17	105	—
“ Schröter	130	40	800	30
“ Ernst	51	23	288	11

That the above thus took place, is witnessed by

J. H. CHRISTIAN HELMUTH,
P. t. President.

JOH. FRIEDERICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. Secretary.

FORTIETH CONVENTION.

1787.

(JUNE 3-5, LANCASTER.)

June 2, toward evening, most of the members of the Ministerium arrived in Lancaster, and assembled in the parsonage, where they edified themselves with fraternal conversation and prayer.

JUNE 3D, A.M.

On Trinity Sunday, the pastors went to church, when Pastor Nicolaus Kurtz preached an impressive and edifying sermon on Phil. 2: 12, 13. In the afternoon Pastor Jung preached at a funeral service on Hebr. 4: 9-11; and in the evening Dr. Helmuth on Rom. 8: 14. All the addresses were in an earnest and fraternal spirit, and well fitted to encourage the pastors and the people who had assembled in great numbers.

JUNE 4TH, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the preachers assembled in the school-house, and, after the Synod was opened with prayer, they proceeded to the election of a new Secretary, in place of the absent Rev. Mr. Schmidt; the choice fell upon Preacher Heinrich Mühlenberg.

Members of the Ministerium present were:

1. Rev. Mr. Nicol. Kurz, from Yorktown.
2. " Wilhelm Kurz, from Lebanon.
3. " Ludwig Voigt, from Pikeland.
4. " Joh. Andr. Krug, from Friedrichstown.
5. " Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
6. " Heinrich Helmuth, D.D., from Philadelphia.
7. " Heinrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
8. " C. Friedrich Wildbahn, from Reading.
9. " Jacobus von Buskirk, from Macunshy.
10. " Christian Streit, from Winchester.
11. " Joh. Georg Jung, from Hegerstown.
12. " Conrad Röller, from Indianfield.
13. " Jacob Göring, from Yorktown.

14. Rev. Mr. Daniel Schröter, from MacAllister.
15. " Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.
16. " Friedrich Ernst, from Greenwich.
17. " Friedr Valent. Melsheimer, from New Holland.
18. " Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.
19. " Johan. Friedr. Weinland, from Germantown.
20. Licent. Friedrich David Schäfer, from Carlisle.
21. Licent. Paul Hinkel, from Virginia.

Those absent who sent letters of excuse.

Rev. Georg Bager, emeritus.

" Friedrich Schmidt.

" Joh. Chr. Kunze, D.D.

" Henrich Möller.

Licent. Enderline.

The following important matters were considered :

1. Rev. Mr. Weinland's call was read, approved, and he was unanimously received as a member of the Ministerium.

2. A letter from Menallen Township was read, requesting that Mr. Fried. Schäfer be permitted to remain with them. This request was granted.

3. Two Candidati Ministerii who formerly had preached in Maryland and Virginia reported themselves. Joh. Georg Schröder from Hornebusch, Stift Bremen, and Joh. Georg Hehl, from near Nordlingen. Both showed a certificate of ordination by a certain Butler, and Hehl brought a number of testimonials, also a delegate, who spoke well of him. They were heard and dismissed, and after much consultation, whether they should not be refused immediately, it was resolved, with regard to a circular letter of 1786, to examine them further in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

4. Delegates from Hagerstown were called in, who expressed their complete satisfaction with Rev. Mr. Jung. The Lutheran Corporation of this place also appeared, in order to offer its services.

5. A letter from the congregation in MacAllister, signed by its pastor emeritus, Mr. Bager, and the Church Council, was read, in which they asked for a new preacher. The following answer was agreed upon : The congregation shall be free to call any preacher of the Ministerium, and Mr. Schröter (who has accepted a congregation formerly connected with MacAllister) will resign Abbetstown, if, and as soon as MacAllister and Abbetstown together can and will accept a preacher of their own out of the Ministerium,

At this time the question was asked, Is it right, that a preacher

accept one of the United Congregations which belongs to a charge that cannot support a preacher unless the charge remain intact? *Resolved*, not except on the condition, only to serve it until the entire charge can be served (by some preacher).

6. Letters of excuse were read from Dr. Kunze, Rev. Schmidt and Möller.

JUNE 4TH, P.M.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Synodical Meeting was continued in the parsonage, viz. :

7. The candidates appointed to appear at 2 o'clock, presented themselves for examination. Neither of them had learned anything of the original languages. Schröder was entirely rejected because of his impudence, and Hehl, who seemed to have received religious impressions, and who otherwise showed a commendable spirit, was informed that, if he publicly renounce his connection with Butler, refrain from administering communion and from confirming for an entire year, leaving both to the neighboring regular preachers, and also otherwise act as a Christian, the Ministerium will permit him to preach and to baptize.

8. A letter of excuse from Mr. Enderlein, for his absence from this and the previous meeting was read, and declared satisfactory. It was also ordered that his license be renewed.

9. Various letters concerning a Mr. Anton Hecht were read, in which his ordination was earnestly requested. *Resolved*, to report to the congregation in the mildest terms, that, in accordance with our established rules, we cannot now ordain him.

10. Letters from Georgia were read, and resolved, to encourage Mr. Probst with the hope, that he may expect employment here, and that the Ministerium would gladly assist him. Mr. Wilh. Kurz and Lehman promised a good position as a teacher.

11. Letters of complaint from Baltimore were handed in, but, because they were one-sided, we could do nothing with them.

12. Manheim petitioned through delegates, that they might be served by a preacher of their own, or by a neighboring preacher. The congregation was referred to the latter.

13. New Hanover and New Goschenhoppen together asked for a preacher, the latter congregation had sent in a call with the promise of £60 yearly. Rev. Mr. Streit, to whom they had the call extended, promised a decisive answer in six weeks.

Hereupon, all the preachers went to church, and attended the evening service. Rev. Mr. Göring preached on Gal. 2: 20.

JUNE 5TH, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the preachers again began their consultations, namely :

14. Delegates from New Holland were brought in, who expressed their sorrow, that Rev. Mr. Melzheimer was going to leave them, and inquired whether they could in the future be served by some other preacher. The Ministerium proposed Rev. Mr. Ernst to them, and he promised a visiting sermon for next Sunday.

15. Several of the preachers ordained in Pennsylvania asked for certificates of ordination. It was ordered that certificates should be prepared and signed by the President and Secretary whenever they are given.

16. Mr. Paul Hinkel asked for a renewal of his license. It was unanimously granted, the license extended to all congregations in that section having no regular preacher, and hope was given him, that in time he should be ordained.

17. A Candidatus Ministerii, Wilhelm Carpenter, who up to this time had been instructed by Mr. Leps and Rev. Mr. Streit, laid before the Ministerium a recommendation from the congregation in Culpepper, in which urgent request is made, that he be examined and licensed to preach and baptize. Messrs. Wildbahn, Kurz, Voigt and Krug were named a committee to examine him, and upon their recommendation, a license to preach and baptize in Culpepper was given him for one year.

18. Complaint was made that Rev. Mr. Lehman had given a license to one Schelhard. The Ministerium questioned him on the matter, and reached the unanimous conclusion : Mr. Lehman shall call in the license given to Schelhard, since the Ministerium entirely disapproves of it, and according to its Constitution recognizes no license as legitimate, except it be given at a Synodical Meeting. Mr. Lehman promised to obey the order.

19. All the preachers have been invited to attend the dedication of the German High School (Franklin College), on the morrow at 10 o'clock A. M., all accepted the invitation.

20. The printed Agende was laid before the Ministerium and approved, with the understanding, however, that liberty should be given to shorten the General Prayer, and in the rite of Confirmation to conform more to the former usage, if the congregations were otherwise accustomed.

21. Upon question, it was ordered, that the so-called Gospels and Epistles (except those for Minor Festivals), be printed and bound with the new Hymn Book. Preacher Mühlenberg was charged with the task of revising the whole, especially the prayers, and preparing it for the press.

22. The Protocol of the preceding meeting was read, and much was said concerning the Streit Legacy, but as none of the preachers here has ever seen a copy of the will, no formal conclusion was reached. Report was also made of a still unsettled disagreement between Lutherans and Reformed not far from Yorktown, of which mention was made last year.

23. It was ordered to send a circular letter in the name of the Ministerium to all the United Congregations, and in it to rebuke the prevailing sins of the country, especially Sabbath-breaking, and to insist upon improvement. Dr. Helmuth was appointed to prepare the letter and have it printed by Mr. Billmeier.

24. Several preachers handed in their lists for the year 1786.

Rev. Mr. Buskirk baptized 106, confirmed 58, administered communion to 402, buried 20.

Rev. Mr. Melsheimer baptized 95, confirmed 175, administered communion to 400, buried 7.

Rev. Mr. Schröter baptized 229, confirmed 129, administered communion to 1065, buried 19.

Rev. Mr. Röller baptized 92, confirmed 88, administered communion to 521, buried 18.

Rev. Mr. Jung baptized 147, confirmed 41, administered communion to 483, buried 17.

Rev. Mr. Schaefer baptized 127, confirmed 5, administered communion to 148, buried 6.

Rev. Mr. Mühlenberg baptized 148, confirmed 44, administered communion to 671, buried 35.

25. It was unanimously resolved, to apply to the authorities for a charter, and Senior Mühlenberg, Pastor Nicolaus Kurz, Emanuel Schulze, Dr. Helmuth, Preacher H. Mühlenberg, Peter Mühlenberg, Esq., — Rawle, Esq., were named a committee to attend to this.

26. The votes for President and Secretary of the Ministerium, and the place of the next Synodical Meeting were gathered. The majority of votes resulted as follows:

Preacher Henrich Mühlenberg for President.

Preacher Fr. Val. Melsheimer for Secretary, and Reading as the place—as usual on the Festival of Trinity.

Hereupon the meeting was closed with song and prayer. In the evening all the preachers went to church, listened to Rev. Mr. Weiland on Mark 16: 15, 16, and were dismissed by the *pastor loci* with thanksgiving and benedictions.

APPENDIX.

On Wednesday, June 6th, the entire Ministerium went in procession to the dedication of Franklin College, which was held in the Lutheran Church. A Reformed preacher, G. Weiberg, opened with prayer, the Episcopal preacher, Mr. Hutchins, delivered an English address on John 7: 15, Preacher Mühlenberg, a German address on Ephes. 6: 4, and the Moravian preacher, Mr. Herbst, closed with an English prayer.

That the above all happened thus, we witness:

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG,
Secretary.

J. H. CHR. HELMUTH,
p. t. Presid.

FORTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

1788.

READING. MAY 18-20.

On May 17th, most of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium assembled in Reading.

MAY 18TH.

Being the Festival of the Trinity, they went to church, where Pastor Nicol. Kurtz preached in the morning on the Festival Gospel, Mr. Weinland in the afternoon on Gal. 4 : 6, and Dr. Mühlenberg in the evening on I Thessal. 5 : 20. All these preachers delivered edifying, clear and thorough sermons, to the blessing of the entire numerous assembly.

MAY 19TH, A.M.

Dr. Kunze edified his audience by an impressive discourse on II Cor. 7 : 1-3 ; afterwards all the members went to the schoolhouse and opened the Synod with prayer.

Members of the Ministerium in attendance were :

1. Dr. Mühlenberg, p. t. Præs. Minist.
2. Dr. Kunze.
3. Pastor Nic. Kurz.
4. " Schulz.
5. " Voigt.
6. " Krug.
7. " Schmidt.
8. " Wilh. Kurz.
9. " Wildbahn, Past. loc.
10. " Weinland.
11. " Buskirk.
12. " Roeller.
13. " Streit.
14. " Goering.
15. " Lehman.
16. " Schroeter.

17. Pastor Ernst.
18. " Dan. Kurz.
19. " Melsheimer, p. t. Secr. Minist.

Licentiati.

1. Mr. Schaefer.
2. Mr. Carpenter.

Dr. Helmuth had himself excused orally.

Pastor Moeller and Schwerdfeger excused themselves in writing.

The Synod hereupon proceeded to the transaction of the business brought before it.

1. A letter from Winchester, in Virginia, was read, in which the Church Council of the congregation in that place asks for a collection to assist them in building a church. After mature deliberation, it was resolved, to give them the written reply, that in the present hard times and in the great scarcity of money, the Ministerium desires to be spared from this proposition; especially since the Ministerium believes that the respective preachers have no right to give away public collections without the consent of the elders and deacons. The Synod, however, recommend to each member to do the best for the congregation named, as far as possible, by private contributions.

2. Mr. Hehl, a *candidatus theologiae*, who had applied to the Ministerium already last year, handed in a writing, which was supported by word of mouth by four delegates. Its contents were that he desires to be received into the Ministerium. Hereupon it was resolved, that Mr. Hehl be examined before the Ministerium in the afternoon.

3. Upon motion of Dr. Kunze it was unanimously resolved, that Mr. Nicol. Kurz be declared Senior of the Ministerium and that the Ministerium expect from him, and herewith charge him, that whenever needed, he should assist the President in his work of supervision and admonition.

4. Two delegates from Misillum requested the Synod that their preacher, Mr. Lehman, might remain with them, and serve them every three weeks. Mr. Lehman left the decision with the Synod. But as the time was already too far spent, the further consideration of this matter was postponed until 3 o'clock P.M., and the Synod was closed with prayer.

P.M.

After prayer, 5. Mr. Hehl was brought in, and requested to write out his thoughts on the text Mark 1: 15. "Repent ye and believe the Gospel," and lay them before the Ministerium for their judgment.

6. The case of Mr. Lehman's was taken up, and the Synod demanded

from him a definite statement, whether he wished to remain with the Misillum congregation, or to move to New Hanover. Hereupon Mr. Lehman stated that he desired in the coming Fall to leave the congregation on the Misillum and serve New Hanover. With this statement the Ministerium was satisfied.

7. Mr. Kühl, a *candidatus theologiæ* from Hamburg, handed to the Ministerium a writing accompanied by two testimonials from the magistrate, his former pastor, Pastor Berkbahn, in which he petitioned for reception into the Ministerium. Many grave accusations, and especially that he had as a candidate administered communion here in the country, led the Ministerium to the decision for the present not to have anything to do with Mr. Kühl.

8. Mr. Lütge, who for some years was stationed in Westmoreland County as preacher, reported himself to the Synod, and asked to be received. He had been ordained by a certain Meyer, who himself was not ordained. The Ministerium declared his ordination invalid, and requested from him a written outline on Mark 1: 15: "Repent ye, and believe the Gospel."

9. Mr. Hehl handed in to the Ministerium his essay on Mark 1: 15 to be examined. It was read, examined, and found too poor for a common country schoolmaster. By a majority of votes, it was therefore resolved to reject Mr. Hehl on account of his incapacity.

10. A letter from Friederich Stadt [Frederick, Md.], signed by some members of the congregation at that place, was read. In it they expressed their dissatisfaction with their present preacher, Mr. Krug, and asked that he might be removed to some other place. On motion, it was therefore resolved, that the Church Council of the congregation should be written to concerning the matter.

11. Mr. Lütge handed to the Synod his outline on Mark 1: 15. It was read, and the decision postponed to the next day.

Hereupon the session was closed with prayer, and the further continuation of business set for 9 o'clock A.M. of the following day. All the members of the Ministerium then went to church, where Pastor Schmidt preached on Acts 26: 18.

20TH, A.M.

The preachers, after prayer, again began their consultations.

12. Two letters from Cumberland County, referring to Mr. Schäfer, were read, in which the congregations of that place petitioned for his ordination, and spoke well of his conduct among them to the present. Upon request, a part of his diary was read, with which the members of the Ministerium expressed satisfaction.

13. On motion, it was

Resolved, that in the lists of baptized, confirmed and deceased, the members of the Ministerium should mention the number, and the names of their congregations.

14. At the same time, the Hymn Book was discussed, and

Resolved, that each member of the Ministerium make it his duty to make notes on the Hymn Book, and hand in these notes at the next Synod to the Ministerium so that they may be used for a new edition.

15. As the Synod also considered it necessary to petition the government for a charter, it was resolved, that Dr. Kunze and Dr. Helmuth, Pastor Schmidt and Friedr. Mühlenberg, Esq., shall be a committee to draw up a charter for the Ministerium, circulate their draft, and lay it, together with the comments received, before the next General Synod.

16. The case of Mr. Lütge was again taken up, and on motion, resolved to give him license to preach and to baptize, on the following conditions: 1. That he shall improve his knowledge of Greek. 2. Keep a diary of his official acts. 3. Present to the Ministerium testimonials from the elders and deacons of the congregations in which he preaches.

17. A letter from Pastor Moeller, in Albany, was read in which he reports the condition of his congregations, and excuses his absence for this year. From this letter, as well as from the statements of the preachers stationed near him, the Synod recognized him as a faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord.

18. Likewise a letter from Pastor Schwerdfeger, in Feilstown, near Albany, was read. In it Mr. Schwerdfeger complains that he was excluded from the Ministerium, since his name was not printed in the Church Agende printed at Philadelphia. Thereupon it was resolved—
1. That it never was the intention of the Ministerium to exclude Mr. Schwerdfeger. 2. That his name was omitted in the print by oversight. 3. That it shall be inserted in the next edition.

19. On motion, it was

Resolved, that Mr. Schäfer shall be ordained by a committee, in one of the congregations which he serves.

20. A writing from Culpepper County, referring to Mr. Carpenter, was read, in which the congregation requests the Ministerium that he be granted permission, not only to preach and baptize, but also to administer communion. It was therefore, upon motion,

Resolved, that Mr. Carpenter write an essay on John 3: 16, and lay it before the Ministerium.

20TH, P.M.

The preachers proceeded to the transaction of the remaining business.

21. The following addition to a resolution passed in York 1783, as No. 11, was considered necessary as an explanation : that it be regularly left to the wisdom of each preacher, to keep secret the name of the person in the restoration of persons who had fallen for the first time into the sin of fornication.

22. A motion of Pastor Voigt was read, to the effect that it was necessary also to receive laymen as members of the Ministerium. *Resolved*, that the motion be referred for examination to the committee, which is charged with the preparation of the charter.

23. In reference to the Licentiate Hinkel, who did not appear, and did not excuse himself by letter, it was

Resolved, that Pastor Streit investigate the cause, and inform the President of it. The President was also authorized, upon request, to renew his license.

24. It was also considered necessary to examine the Ministerial Order by paragraphs, and to make such alterations or additions as were considered expedient and suitable to our times and needs. Therefore, it was

25. *Resolved*, That the words in the Ministerial Order, Cap. I (mistake for Cap. II) § 3, "In case he in advance" be cancelled.

26. In considering Cap. III, § 6, it was

Resolved, That the committee which prepares the charter must also provide for a seal.

27. In considering Cap. IV, § 2, it was

Resolved, That the licentiates are obligated to attend each Synodical Meeting, and that they have a right to present matters and make comments, but not to vote.

28. *Resolved*, That the entire 6th § of the 4th Cap. be cancelled.

29. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the ordinandi and licentiates must sign a revers, which shall be entered on the Protocol.

30. Mr. Carpenter handed to the Synod an essay on John 3: 16, and it was resolved to renew his license.

The Synod hereupon proceeded to the election of a President, a Secretary and the place of the next general meeting. By a majority of votes Dr. Mühlenberg was elected President, Pastor Melzheimer, Secretary, and Lebanon, in Dauphin County, as the place of meeting.

The President closed with prayer and dismissed all the members, wishing them the blessing of God for their own prosperity and that of the

congregations entrusted to them. They then again went to church to hear Pastor Goering preach on Rom. 8: 14. After the sermon the Pastor loc., Mr. Wildbahn, offered a prayer, thanked the members for the love shown the Reading congregation, and commended them all to the gracious care of the Faithful and Great Shepherd of the Sheep.

That the above all happened thus, we witness :

HEINRICH MÜHLENBERG,
P. t. President.

FR. VAL. MELSHEIMER,
P. t. Secretary.

FORTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

1789.

(JUNE 7TH, 8TH, 9TH, 1789).

[PROTOCOL OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM HELD AT LEBANON, DAUPHIN COUNTY.]

As most members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium arrived in the place named on the day preceding, they went to church on the 7th of June, the Festival of the Trinity. Dr. Mühlenberg preached in the morning on the Festival Gospel, Pastor Goering in the afternoon on I Tim. 4: 16, and Dr. Helmuth in the evening on I Sam. 3: 11-15, before a numerous audience and with much blessing.

JUNE 8TH, A. M.

Pastor Weinland preached on Phil. 3: 20. The Synod was then opened in the church with prayer, and continued in the parsonage.

The members of the Ministerium in attendance were :

1. Dr. Mühlenberg, p. t. Præs.-Minist.
- 2 “ Helmuth.
3. Pastor Schulze.
4. “ Kurz, Past. loci.
5. “ Wildbahn.
6. “ Bushkirk.
7. “ Goering.
8. “ Roeller.
9. “ Lehman.
10. “ Schroeter.
11. “ Ernst
12. “ Weinland.
13. “ Schaefer.
14. “ Melsheimer, Secret.-Minist.

Licentiati.

1. Mr. Hinkel.
2. " Carpenter.
3. " Lütge.

Dr. Kunze, Pastor Voigt and Moeller sent written excuses. Pastor Schmidt had himself excused by word of mouth.

The Synod hereupon proceeded to the transaction of the business brought before it.

1. A letter from Schippensburg, Cumberland County, was read, in which the congregation asked for a preacher, and suggested to the Ministerium either Pastor Melsheimer or Licentiate Lütge, with a yearly salary of £80 from four congregations.

Resolved, That written answer be made to the congregation, and that it be referred to Licentiate Lütge, to call him as their preacher.

2. Two delegates from East Pennsborough, Cumberland County, handed to the Synod a letter stating that they desired that the Rev. Ministerium might ordain their schoolmaster, Jacsinsky by name. At the same time they orally set forth their complaints against Pastor Schäfer, that he held prayer meetings in the houses where he stayed over night, and thereby offended many. Hereupon the Ministerium reached the decision: 1. That their written request in reference to Mr. Jacsinsky could not be granted, as he does not possess the necessary qualifications required by a preacher. 2. In regard to Pastor Schäfer, both delegates were reprov'd in love and meekness, and it was shown that their complaints were insufficient and trifling, and that the Ministerium approves the manner in which Mr. Schäfer conducts his office.

Closed with prayer.

P. M.

After prayer

3. Various writings of complaint against Mr. Schröder were laid before the Synod and read. After mature deliberation, it was resolved, that a committee earnestly and thoroughly investigate these serious complaints, and report to the Synod. Further,

Resolved, That Dr. Helmuth, and Pastors Schulz, and Wilhelm Kurz be a committee, and that all communications referring to these complaints be given into their hands for examination.

4. A letter from the Manheim and Mount Joy congregations was read, in which they petitioned the Ministerium for a preacher.

Resolved, that the Manheim and Mount Joy congregations be advised, to unite with other congregations, hand their decision in writing to the President, and then upon his advice call Pastor Möller as their preacher.

5. The congregation in Friedrichstown laid its petition for a preacher

before the Ministerium in writing. At a Conference Meeting (Special Synod), they had been promised, that at the next General Synod, their present preacher as well as the congregation itself should be cared for. It was therefore resolved, that Dr. Helmuth should write to the congregation, and Dr. Mühlenberg to Pastor Krug, and propose Louisburg in Dauphin County to the latter.

6. A letter from New Hanover of similar contents was also read, and resolved, that written answer should be sent to the New Hanover Congregation, stating that the Rev. Ministerium regarded Pastor Weinland a suitable person, to whom they might apply and invite him to preach a sermon. (Gastpredigt).

7. Several testimonials from Shenandoah County in Virginia, referring to Licentiate Mr. Hinkel, together with his own diary, were presented to the Ministerium. The congregations expressed their satisfaction with the entire official conduct of Mr. Hinkel, and recommended him to the Synod as a faithful laborer in the vineyard of the Lord. It was therefore

Resolved, That his license be renewed.

8. At the same time Pastor Schulz moved that the Licentiates should hand in to the Ministerium their journals and four complete sermons each year, as otherwise the Ministerium had no opportunity to judge correctly of their presentation of divine truth.

This motion was generally approved and accepted.

9. A letter from Hanover, and three others from Strasburg Township, the Jerusalem, and Jacob's Church in York County were read, in which they asked the Ministerium for a preacher, but protested against Pastor Schroeter for reasons which they did not express beforehand, but were willing to declare, if required. As it seemed from one of these letters, that the congregations were in favor of Pastor Melzheimer, he promised to preach a trial sermon in the congregations as soon as his other duties would permit, with which the Synod expressed its satisfaction.

10. A delegate from Shamokin, in the name of several congregations, also petitioned the Ministerium for a preacher. As Pastor Schulz had promised to visit in that region, he was commissioned by the Ministerium to propose Pastor Schwerdfeger.

11. The committee now after three hours' examination of the complaints against Mr. Schröter, presented the result of their investigation to the Ministerium in writing. They had found him guilty of: 1. Drunkenness; 2. Lying; 3. A shameful hypocrisy; and 4. Sordid stinginess. But as the time was already far spent, and that each member might meditate before the Lord upon this sad and humiliating case, the

decision was postponed to the next day. Hereupon the session was closed with prayer, and all the members went to church, to hear Pastor Schäfer preach on Rom. 8 : 1.

THE 9TH, A.M.

12. After prayer the unfinished business of yesterday was again taken up. The Synod earnestly and thoroughly examined the report handed in by the Committee, and Mr. Schröter and the two delegates who had brought the complaints were brought in. Then all the members knelt before the Lord Who knoweth the heart, and the President in a fervent prayer besought the Lord, that by His Spirit He direct all the members in this important matter, grant unto him who was found guilty a contrite heart, and bring him to a thorough knowledge of his sins. After the prayer he earnestly addressed Mr. Schröter, and solemnly exhorted him in the presence of God that he should not increase his offence by denying it, but by an honest confession should give glory to God. A deep sadness reigned throughout the assembly. Mr. Schröter confessed that he was guilty of all the charges, and promised publicly to make good in the congregations the offence given. The entire assembly was moved to tears. His open-hearted confession to some extent propitiated many members, who on the preceding day had insisted upon his entire exclusion. It was therefore resolved, that, Mr. Schröter having by his conduct severed his connection with the Ministerium, since he recognizes and confesses his transgression, and has promised to reform, be restored to membership, as soon as, in accordance with the promise, he has made public reparation for the offence publicly given.

Further, resolved, that he be again earnestly warned that, if no improvement follows, and he returns to his former conduct, he shall be entirely excluded from the Ministerium.

13. Letters from Dr. Kunze, Pastor Voigt and Möller, were read to the Synod, in which the gentlemen named, excused themselves, that they could not attend this year's conference. The session closed with prayer.

P. M.

14. After prayer, the license of Licentiate Mr. Lütge was, upon his request renewed for a year, with the admonition that he should diligently study the original languages, and the other theological branches.

15. Also a letter from Culpepper was read, in which the congregations requested, that their preacher Licentiate Carpenter be granted permission also to administer the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That his license be also extended to administration of the Lord's Supper and Confirmation.

The Synod hereupon proceeded to the election of a President, a Secretary, and a place of the next General Meeting. Dr. Mühlenberg was chosen President, Pastor Melsheimer, Secretary, and Philadelphia the place of meeting.

Hereupon the President closed the Synod with prayer, and commended all the members to the gracious guidance and leading of the faithful Great Shepherd. They again went to the church, to hear Pastor Ernst preach on John 10: 14, 15. After the sermon the *pastor loci*, Mr. Kurz, thanked the members for the love shown the Lebanon congregation.

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG,
p. t. President.

FR. VAL. MELSHEIMER,
p. t. Secretary.

FORTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

1790.

[PROTOCOL OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
MINISTERIUM IN NORTH AMERICA, HELD IN PHILADELPHIA,
FROM MAY 30TH TO JUNE 2D, 1790].

Already on May 29th, most members of the Rev. Ministerium arrived at the place mentioned, in order to attend the meeting.

May 30th, being the Festival of the Holy Trinity, they all went to Zion's Church. Dr. Mühlenberg preached in the morning on I Thess. 5: 12, 13. Pastor Schulz in the afternoon on I John 5: 9-12, and Dr. Kunze in the evening on John 21: 16. Large audiences were present at these earnest and impressive sermons.

In St. Michael's Church, Pastor Melsheimer preached in the morning on John 13: 30, and Pastor Weinland made an address on Ps. 34: 12, to all the young people of the congregation.

On May 31st, A. M., the business session was opened in the sacristy of Zion's Church.

The members present were:

1. Dr. Mühlenberg, from Lancaster, *p. t. præs.*
2. " Helmuth, *pastor loci.*
3. " Kunze, from New York.
4. Pastor Wilh. Kurz, from Lebanon.
5. " Voigt, from Peikslund.
6. " Schulz, from Tulpehocken.
7. " Krug, from Friedrichsstadt, Maryland.
8. " Schmidt, *pastor loci.*
9. " Jung, from Hagerstown, Maryland.
10. " Röller, from Goschenhoppen.
11. " Schröter, from Hanovertown.
12. " Lehman, from Mesillum.
13. " Möller, from New Holland.
14. " Ernst, from Greenwich, New Jersey.
15. " Weinland, from New Hanover.

16. Pastor Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.
17. " Schaffer, from Germantown.
18. " Melsheimer, from Hanover town, *p. t. secretary.*

Licentiiati :

1. Mr. Carpenter, from Virginia.
2. " Jung, from Manheim.

Senior Kurz, from Baltimore; Pastor Göring, from Yorktown, and the two licentiates, Enderlein, from Schamoky; and Hinkel, from Virginia, excused themselves in writing.

Dr. Mühlenberg reported to the Synod, that in the summer of the past year, a man named Mace, who for some years had been a school-master in Pennsylvania, had through diligent study acquired a fair knowledge of theology, and at present lives in Kentucky, had asked him for a license, which he, after a closer examination of his abilities, had also granted him. The Dr. hoped that partly the remoteness of this field, and the fact that it was entirely without German preachers, and partly the inconvenience of calling a Synod without loss of time, might sufficiently justify his action.

The Synod found these reasons satisfactory, and declared the license granted to Mr. Mace valid.

2. Candidate Johann David Jung, who came from Germany in the Fall of '89, and had studied in Leipzig, handed to the Synod several recommendations from Germany, with the request that he be received. Among these recommendations was also a *licentia concionandi*, given by Superintendent Pratge in Stade, together with other testimonials from worthy preachers of Germany. It was therefore *resolved*,

That the license given by Dr. Mühlenberg *ad interim* be recalled, and another prepared either for the place where Mr. Jung is at present, or for other congregations that may be found.

3. The letter of excuse from Senior Kurz was read to the Synod. In it the Senior regretted that his age and weakness prevented him from attending Conference this year, exhorted the brethren to earnestness in the discharge of their duties, and asked to be remembered by all in their prayers before the Lord.

4. A letter from the Grinitsch congregation in Jersey was laid before the Synod by a delegate, stating that the congregation desire to exchange their present preacher, Mr. Ernst, for some other minister.

Pastor Ernst stated that he was willing to give up the congregation in September of this year, if they would pay the salary still due him.

5. A man named Ahl, who had set himself up as a preacher, 1, com-

plained to the Ministerium of the conduct of Pastor Ernst towards him ; 2, requested to be received as a member. As to the first point, he had publicly accused Pastor Ernst of gross sins, so that he was forced, in defense of his innocence and honor, to sue Mr. Ahl at law. The court had acquitted Pastor Ernst and condemned Mr. Ahl to pay the costs, and besides imposed a fine upon him. The Ministerium did not believe itself authorized to overthrow this sentence of the court ; but it shall endeavor to persuade Pastor Ernst that he be satisfied with the payment of the money spent by him on the trial. In reference to the second point : Pastors Bushkirk and Röllner were commissioned by the Synod to investigate into the character of Mr. Ahl and report to the Ministerium. At the same time a letter was given to the two gentlemen from a certain George Vogel, who made some weighty objections against his reception.

Closed with prayer.

P. M.

6. After prayer, two letters from Friedrichstadt, in Maryland, were read. The congregation had held a general election, and now it appeared that ninety persons had voted in favor of retaining Pastor Krug, and twenty-two for a change. It was therefore resolved, that, since a majority of votes was in favor of the remaining of Pastor Krug, the Ministerium could do nothing more than recommend that he accept a call to other congregations, if such should be received.

Further resolved, that Dr. Helmuth shall accompany this decision with a letter to the congregation.

7. Two men, named Hinkel and Zink, presented themselves to the Synod and asked for admission.

Resolved, That both shall write out an account of their lives, and the substance of their preaching, as briefly as possible, and hand them to the Ministerium for examination.

8. Letters from Hegerstadt were laid before the Ministerium by delegates. These letters contained many complaints against their present preacher, Mr. Jung. The Ministerium examined these complaints in the presence of the preacher and the delegates. Some of them, especially the neglect of catechisation and due visitation of schools, Mr. Jung sadly confessed ; others, on the contrary, he denied as being not proven. Hereupon the question was brought before the Synod for decision, whether the complaints against Mr. Jung declared him unfit for office, and when this question was answered with NO, it was

Resolved, That Pastor Jung be kindly admonished in regard to his neglect of catechisation and due visitation of schools, and that in all points of the complaint against him, the entire Ministerium found noth-

ing that would declare him unfit for his office ; that therefore the Ministerium cannot approve of the steps taken by many members of the congregation, to call another preacher ; but rather desires that the complaining members be reconciled to their pastor, and forgive and forget faults which he admitted with deep regret, and also promised improvement. This decision was accompanied with a letter to the congregation.

With reference to catechisation, it was resolved, that it is the duty of each preacher, wherever possible, to hold a catechetical service (Kinderlehre) every Sunday in his congregations.

9. A member of the Germantown congregation brought his complaints, against their pastor, Mr. Weinland. As the reason for these complaints rested upon a misunderstanding, they were reconciled again before the Ministerium.

The Synod hereupon closed with prayer, and went to church to hear Pastor Wilhelm Kurz^p preach on Luke 15 : 20.

JUNE 1ST, A.M.

10. A letter from Shamokin was read to the Synod, in which the congregation asked for a preacher. As the Ministerium suggested Pastor Ernst, he promised to undertake a journey of visit to that region.

11. Also a letter from Licentiate Enderlein was laid before the Synod, and it was resolved, that his license be renewed.

12. The two gentlemen, Hinkel and Zink, now handed in to the Synod their papers. The Ministerium saw from them that both gentlemen did not possess the necessary qualifications for the ministry, and therefore, resolved, that their request to be received, cannot be granted for the present.

13. Licentiate Carpenter handed to the Synod, besides his diary, also four complete sermons. In reference to him the Ministerium resolved, that he be advised to prepare himself for a more thorough examination, in order that upon approval he might be ordained at the next Synodical meeting.

The same action was taken in the case of Licentiate Jung.

14. Also a letter from Licentiate Hinkel was read, in which he excused himself that he could not attend this year's Synodical Meeting ; at the same time he sent four complete sermons for examination. It was hereupon resolved, that his license be renewed.

Closed with prayer.

JUNE 1ST, P.M.

15. After prayer, a delegate handed in letters from the congregations served by Pastor Schröter up to this time. The Ministerium was gratified to see from these letters that Pastor Schröter had reformed ;

and as it desired that all further quarrels be prevented, it was resolved, for this reason alone, that the former accusers of Mr. Schröter should return the papers entrusted to them by the Ministerium, and the congregations be earnestly admonished not to act uncharitably towards former accusers, but to treat them as brethren. At the same time Pastor Schröter was again admitted as a member of the Ministerium.

16. Pastor Göring's letter was read to the Ministerium in which he excused his absence this time, at the same time expressed his doubts concerning the accusations brought against Mr. Schröter, asked for a revision of the judgment passed upon him at the last Conference, and besides, gave Mr. Schröter a good testimonial concerning the training of his children at home. This letter made a strong impression in favor of Pastor Schröter upon some members.

The session was closed with prayer, and the members of the Ministerium again went to church, where Pastor Röllner edified the congregation from Matth. 7: 13, 14. After the sermon the *pastor loci*, Dr. Helmuth, made a brief address to the congregation in general, thanked the members of the Ministerium for the love shown the Philadelphia congregation, and wished them all God's blessing and assistance in the performance of their important duties.

Mr. Reiche, who is sufficiently known to the Ministerium, and at present is in needy circumstances, asked for assistance in his necessity. A collection was gathered for him, amounting to 13 thlr., 6 sh., 3 d.

JUNE 2D, A.M.

17. After the prayer, a letter from several congregations in York County was read, in which they asked for a preacher. *Resolved*, that Pastor Ernst, on his journey to Shamokin, also visit these congregations.

18. For Carlisle and the congregations united with it, Licentiate Jung was proposed, and Pastor Melsheimer was commissioned to attend to it further, as he had promised a visitation journey into those regions.

19. For the Holzschwamm and adjoining congregations, Pastor Schröter and Licentiate Hinkel were suggested, from which gentlemen they might choose their future preacher.

20. Upon motion, it was resolved, that Pastor Graf, in New Germantown, be invited to the next Conference by the President.

21. Dr. Kunze read several motions to the Synod, which he wished that they might be taken up for further consideration. As these motions were recognized as being very important, and the time was already far spent, it was resolved, that the motions made by Dr. Kunze be circulated and taken up at the next Conference.

22. Upon motion, it was resolved, that the *pastors loci* shall, in the

name of the Ministerium, thank the Philadelphia congregation for the love and respect shown the Synod.

23. Further, resolved, that thanks be extended to the President and the Secretary for their diligence and care in fulfilling their office.

The Synod hereupon proceeded to the election of a President, Secretary, and the place for the next general meeting; Pastor Schmidt was chosen President, Dr. Helmuth Secretary, and New Hanover (the Falkner Schwam) as the place of the Synodical Meeting. All the members then bowed before the Lord, and the President prayed to the Great Shepherd of the sheep, that He abide with His poor servants in the future, and crown the work of their hands with eternal blessing in all their congregations, to the praise of His glorious name.

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG,

P. t. President.

FORTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

1791.

PROTOCOL OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
MINISTERIUM IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ADJACENT STATES, HELD IN
NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, JUNE 19-22,
1791.

On June 18th most of the members of the Ministerium arrived.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH, A. M.

Dr. Kunze edified the meeting in the church from Acts 15 : 12.

P. M.

Candidate Jung preached on John 14 : 6.

MONDAY, JUNE 20TH, A. M.

Pastor Schäfer preached on Matth. 5 : 2.

After the sermon the business was begun, the following gentlemen being present :

1. Pastor Voigt, from Pikesland.
2. " Krug, from Friedrichstown.
3. " Schultze, from Tulpehocken.
4. Doctor Helmuth, Secret. of the Minist., from Philadelphia.
5. Pastor Schmidt, Præses of the Minist., from Philadelphia.
6. Doctor Kuntze, from New York.
7. " Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
8. Pastor Weinland, from New Hanover.
9. " Buskirk, from Macunshy.
10. " Wildbahn, from Reading.
11. " Röller, from Alt Goschenhoppen.
12. " Lehman, from Mesillum.
13. " Schröter, from Hanovertown.
14. " Ernst, from Maxitany.
15. " Moeller, from New Holland.
16. " Schäfer, from Germantown.

17. Candidate Lütge, from Schippenstown.
18. " Zimmerman [alias Carpenter], from Virginia.
19. " Jung.

Pastor Wilhelm Kurtz, in Lebanon, and Pastor Goering, in Yorktown, excused themselves in writing. From Senior Kurtz and Pastor Daniel Kurtz, in Baltimore, Pastor Jung, in Hegerstown, and Pastor Melsheimer, in McAllister, no letters were received.

The meeting was opened in the church with prayer. The delegates from the respective congregations were heard. Most of them brought their reports in writing; hereupon the session was closed with prayer.

P.M.

The Ministerium assembled in Mr. Weinland's dwelling, and after Pastor Voigt had made a fervent prayer, the following business was taken up and transacted :

1. Mr. Billmeyer, printer from Germantown, asked for the right of publication for the new Hymnbook, which was unanimously granted and prepared, as follows, to wit :

Whereas Michael Billmeyer, from Germantown, printer, requested the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium to grant him the right of publication [copyright] for the new Hymnbook, and after careful investigation it was found that the only agreement concerning printing was made with the above Billmeyer; he has also printed it in partnership with Peter Leibert; but the partnership between the above-named Billmeyer and Leibert is now dissolved, and said Billmeyer has also stated that his former partner and father-in-law, Peter Leibert, has declared that he will make no claim to the right of publication, and it is now necessary, in order to retain his right, to have the title of said book registered in the office of the Secretary of the District Court of Pennsylvania, according to the recent laws of the Congress of the United States:—it is

Resolved, That to the said Michael Billmeyer, to him, his heirs and assignees, for and in view of one of the said Hymnbooks bound, which he has handed to the Ministerium, and the reception of which is hereby acknowledged, the right be granted, and hereby is granted, with exclusion of all other claims, to print as his property, to sell and have registered in the office of the Secretary of the District Court for the District of Pennsylvania the book entitled "Erbauliche Liedersammlung," etc., in accordance with an act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "An Act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned."

Resolved, That Michael Billmeyer neither shall nor dare, without the knowledge of the Ministerium, prepare a new edition of the said Hymn-book, because the Ministerium might, perhaps, wish to make various alterations.

Resolved, That in case it be found in the future that, through laws already made, or yet to be made, something further be necessary on the part of the Ministerium for the above right given to Mr. Billmeyer, all the members herewith empower the President to make all further dispositions in their name.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be handed to Mr. Billmeyer and signed by all members of the Ministerium. Given at the Synodical Meeting at New Hanover, June 20, 1791.

[The names of the assembled preachers.]

2. Two delegates from the Township Bedminster, in Bucks County asked in the name of the congregation for Mr. Wichterman as their pastor, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Mr. Wichterman write a brief exposition on John 3: 16, and that afterwards he be more fully examined on this passage and his exposition.

3. A candidate named Dill, who came here from Germany, applied for admission into the Ministerium, but as at the same time various accusations were made against him, the accusers were first heard; their statements, however, were not sufficiently weighty that on their account he could be entirely refused. Others from the region in which he lives spoke well of him, and as his testimonials from Germany also are good, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Dill shall have a license for one year, after having been examined to-morrow. The situation and circumstances of the congregations where Mr. Dill is, furnished occasion, to Messrs. Ernst and Lehman, to make lengthy declarations against one another concerning all kinds of sad differences between them. Many members were most unpleasantly impressed with these statements, and they felt themselves compelled from the depth of their hearts to pray the Lord to be patient with us.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, A M.

4. After prayer, a letter from Greenwich, in New Jersey, was read, in which the Ministerium was requested to make provision that now and then a visit be paid them by one or other of the members of the Ministerium, until their vacant congregation would again be supplied, whereupon, it was—

Resolved, That Messrs. Buskirk, Röller, and Schäffer should attend to this.

5. A letter from the congregation in Schippenstown was read, in which the Ministerium was requested again to renew the license of Mr. Lütge, who also asked for it in person, whereupon it was unanimously—

Resolved, That Mr. Lütge's license be renewed for one year.

6. After the exposition, which had yesterday been assigned to Mr. Wichterman, was read, and he was further examined, the Ministerium found that it might well venture to give the said Wichterman a license for one year.

7. The attorneys (Mandatorii) of the Directors of the Halle Orphans' Home distributed the following sums from the interest of the Rödelheim legacy, to the preachers present, as a contribution toward the payment of their traveling expenses, to wit: To Messrs. Voigt, 18/9; Krug, 18/9; Schulze, 18/9; Helmuth, 18/9; Schmidt, 18/9; Kuntze, 18/9; Mühlenberg, 18/9; Weinland, 18/9; Buskirk, 18/9; Wildbahn, 18/9; Röller, 18/9; Lehman, 18/9; Schröter, 18/9; Ernst, 18/9; Moller, 18/9; Schäffer, 18/9; Lütge, 18/9; Jung, 18/9; Carpenter, 22/6. Total, 18 pounds Pennsylvania money.

8. *Resolved*, That the preachers in Philadelphia have a ministerial seal made, after the model presented, and pay the cost from the interest of the Rödelheim legacy.

9. After Mr. Dill was examined, a license for one year was given him, with the condition, however, that if he wished to be recognized as a member of the Ministerium he should entirely stay away from the congregation at Trexler's Church, because said church is within two miles of another church, which Pastor Bushkirk serves.

10. Two letters from Frederickstown, concerning Pastor Krug, having been read, one against him, the other in favor of him; the Ministerium, after long deliberation, resolved to give the following answer to the said congregation, viz:

Though, from the statements made by the two opposing parties, the Ministerium cannot possibly conclude that Pastor Krug is unfit for the office on account of his teaching or life, but will at all times be ready to testify to his constant faithfulness and uprightness, as also of his thorough knowledge of the doctrine of our most holy faith; it feels constrained, in view of the disordered state of the congregation, as well as of the evident bodily weakness of our brother, earnestly to advise a change. The Ministerium promises its assistance in this direction wherever a door should be open, and recognizes it as Pastor Krug's duty to seek such opportunity himself, and wherever it offers to accept it out of love to the Kingdom of God; but also requests the entire

congregation, and each of the parties so sadly divided, for the love of Christ, upon which the congregation is built, in the meantime to bear with one another in love, to further the intention of the Ministerium, and until this can be attained, not to offend the deserving Rev. Mr. Krug nor each other. It is also stated that the Ministerium has already in view active measures to carry out its intentions as speedily as possible. The Ministerium only adds, that it is an established rule of its method of procedure, from which it cannot depart, notwithstanding the above, never to force a transfer without the will and free decision of the preacher.

AFTERNOON.

After prayer,

11. A letter from Rev. Mr. Schröter's congregations was read, in which, among other matters, it was stated that the former accusers of Mr. Schröter had made unfair use of a certain decision of the Ministerium, which had been made several years ago, in view of the circumstances of Mr. Schröter at that time; whereupon it was—

Resolved, That Dr. Kuntze write a few lines to Pastor Melsheimer, in which he be requested, if possible, to recover from the accusers of Mr. Schröter, the written statement of the decision on this point reached last year; or, at least, exhort them to peace and quiet.

12. In letters from Mount Joy and Weiseichenland, the Ministerium was requested to give them a certain Mr. Lenz as their pastor. Mr. Lenz appeared, and, after a conversation with him, he was exhorted to continue to fear God from the heart, to serve the Lord in simplicity, but not to go into other congregations than those in which he is at present, nor administer the sacraments in them except "Nothtaufe;" that under these conditions he shall appear again a year hence, and in the meantime apply himself to diligent study, especially in orthography. The Ministerium declared that only then would it be ready for a final decision regarding his request and that of the congregations, which have taken an interest in him, and that in the meantime he seek and use the advice and assistance of Dr. Mühlenberg and Pastor Möller.

13. A candidate named Espig appeared, and with him several delegates from the congregation in New Goschenhoppen, who asked for the said Mr. Espig as their pastor. After an examination a license for one year was given him, after he had formally renounced the ordination which he had received from the dismissed Insp. Götz in Germany; it was also resolved, that he be under the supervision of Pastor Weinland and Röllér.

14. A paper from the honorable corporation of St. Michael's and Zion's congregations in and about Philadelphia was read, in which the

said corporation stated, that in their opinion the general welfare of all the Lutheran congregations would be advanced, if the delegates of the respective congregations had a seat and a vote in every meeting of the Ministerium—whereupon it was

Resolved, That each of the United Congregations be authorized to send one delegate to the next Synodical Meeting, who under certain restrictions can attend the deliberations of the Ministerium, but must provide for his own expenses and lodging—further it was

Resolved, That Drs. Kuntze and Helmuth draw up a plan, in which the above resolution be further defined, and that they lay this plan before the Synodical Meeting next year.

Resolved, That the two members named, look over the Ministerial Order, and change it as they judge necessary, and present such alterations also to the next meeting.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22D, A.M.

Opened with prayer.

15. Papers by a man named Ahl were handed in, in which he requests to be received into the Ministerium. After mature consideration, it was resolved, that the Ministerium can have nothing to do with him.

16. A candidate named Stock, who formally was principal of a school, requested that the Ministerium ordain him for the ministry. After due consideration the Ministerium advised him to remain in his school for a time, as he could there labor profitably, and besides had no call to the ministry from a congregation.

17. At the request of Pastor Weinland it was resolved to cancel certain words in the Protocol of the Ministerium for the year 1790, viz.: in the 9th section, in the 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th lines.

18. *Resolved*, That the Secretary shall look through the Protocol, and copy all the decisions of the Ministerium into a book, and they shall determine our usual way of proceeding, and serve as a rule, and that such decisions shall have the same force as the articles of the Ministerial Order themselves. Likewise, that it be the Secretary's duty to familiarize himself with such decisions of the kind described, in order that he may at all times inform the members who ask regarding them.

19. In connection with the motion that the Candidates Zimmerman [alias Carpenter] and Jung be ordained to the ministry, an incident was mentioned which occurred between the said Mr. Jung and a Mr. Meyer, in which Mr. Jung made a certain written declaration to satisfy the said Meyer. After due consideration, the opinion of the united members of the Ministerium was, that the writing which Candidate Jung gave to Mr.

Meyer, was the effect of extreme fear and perplexity, that from his relation it can be noticed, that he knew the facts concerning Mr. Meyer in Germany only through the relation of other persons, and possibly at the time when he signed the writing prepared by Mr. Meyer, through his representations thought them more innocent; and that the Ministerium enjoin him to make no other use of whatever documents referring to the matter might be sent to him from Germany, than to recover from said Meyer the writing signed by him—whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Candidates, Johann David Jung and Wilhelm Zimmerman, be now ordained.

20. The Ministerium then chose by a majority of votes, Pastor Schmidt as President, Doctor Helmuth as Secretary, and Lancaster as the place of the next Synodical Meeting.

21. Finally both the above-mentioned Candidates, Jung and Zimmerman, were ordained and solemnly consecrated to the ministry by the President in the presence of the Ministerium and several delegates of the congregations, whereupon the President closed with prayer, and the assembly sang the verse, "Was ich gethan hab und gelehrt," from "Nun freut euch lieben Christen," etc. Then the members of the Ministerium parted and started on their journey to their respective homes.

This is witnessed by

JOHANN FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,

P. t. Præses Ministerii.

F. H. CHRISTIAN HELMUTH,

P. t. Secretary.

FORTY-FIFTH CONVENTION.

1792.

In the year 1792, on the 3d of June, the members of the United Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States together with various delegates, had arrived at Lancaster, and attended public worship. In the morning Senior Kurz preached on II Tim. 2: 19; in the afternoon President Schmidt on John 5: 39, and in the evening Rev. Mr. Melsheimer, on I Cor. 3: 21, 22.

JUNE 4TH.

In the forenoon, at 9 o'clock, the preachers and delegates assembled in the school-house, and after the Synodical Meeting had been opened with prayer, it was found that the following preachers were present:

1. Senior Kurz.
2. Mr. Wilhelm Kurz.
3. " Andreas Krug.
4. " Emanuel Schulze.
5. " Dr. Heinrich Helmuth, Secretary.
6. " Friedrich Schmidt, President.
7. " Friedr. Wildbahn.
8. " Christian Streit.
9. Rev. Mr. Röller.
10. " " Gering.
11. " " Melsheimer.
12. " " Schröter.
13. " " Moller.
14. " " Daniel Kurz.
15. " " Schäfer.
16. " " Carpenter.
17. And Pastor *loci* Henrich Mühlenberg.

Licensed candidates were present as follows:

1. Mr. Paul Hinkel.
2. " Diel.
3. " Wichterman.

Delegates were present from: 1. Philadelphia. 2. Lancaster. 3.

Yorktown. 4. Friedrichsstadt. 5. Hegersstadt, and from several other small congregations.

Letters of excuse were received from: 1. Dr. Kunze. 2. Rev. Mr. Lehman. 3. Rev. Mr. Ernst. 4. Candidate Lütge. 5. Candidate Espich.

The transactions of this day were as follows:

1. The Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read. The delegates from Philadelphia expressed the wish that the motion made in the last Synodical Meeting, viz.: "To receive the delegates of the congregations as associated members," be now approved.

Hereupon two plans drawn up by Drs. Helmuth and Kunze were read in the presence of the delegates, stating how in future delegates of the United Congregations should attend and vote with the preachers.

After the delegates had withdrawn the two plans were compared and adjusted, and it was decided that regular delegates shall have seat and vote in the Synodical Meeting, under certain restrictions which are mentioned in the new Ministerial Order.

2. After the delegates had returned, letters and testimonials concerning a collection for a Lutheran Church building in North Carolina were read, and it was *Resolved*, that the preachers and delegates should exert themselves to encourage their congregations to give the collectors mentioned in the letter as much assistance as possible, and a copy of this resolution was given to the collectors.

3. Upon motion, it was *Resolved*, that the ordained preachers assemble in the parsonage to-morrow morning, at 6 o'clock, in order to determine more in detail the arrangement for the Ministerial Meeting, in distinction from the Synodical Meetings.

4. In the evening Mr. M. Möller delivered a sermon on John 3: 14-16.

JUNE 5TH.

Early, at 6 o'clock, the ordained preachers assembled in the parsonage, and further deliberated upon the arrangement of the Ministerium and the Ministerial Meeting. The above plans were examined more closely, and it was determined, that a class of catechists shall be established. At 9 o'clock the preachers all went to the school-house again, to take up Synodical business, and after prayer,

5. Letters from Friedrichsstadt, for and against Rev. Mr. Krug, were read, and witnesses heard from both parties. After lengthy debates, it was *Resolved*, that both parties be exhorted to arrange an election of a preacher, and to call another pastor from the Ministerium to Friedrichsstadt, and that this resolution shall be made known to the entire congregation.

6. Letters from Yorktown and other congregations united with it, were read ; also from Canecocheague and neighboring congregations. In the former request was made that Rev. Mr. Göring return to his former congregations ; the latter petitioned that he remain in his present congregations. Mr. Göring himself had stated that he would leave it to the decision of the Ministerium.

Hereupon it was *Resolved*, that Drs. Helmuth, and Mühlenberg and Rev. Röller be a committee to investigate the matter together with delegates from both places, and Rev. Göring. The committee retired, and soon thereafter proposed the following action :

That Rev. Mr. Göring be advised to return to his former congregations in Yorktown after three months, and not earlier, because, under the circumstances, it would not be right to leave Hegerstown earlier ;

That the Yorktown congregation pay to the Hegerstown congregation the expenses of Mr. Göring's moving from York to Hegerstown ;

That Mr. Carpenter on his return home go by way of Hegerstown and preach in the congregations there, to see whether those congregations might at once be again supplied by him.

That in case either Mr. Carpenter or the congregation do not decide to accept this arrangement, the congregation shall report to the President, who shall then invite some other preacher.

This motion of the committee was approved by the Synodical Meeting.

7. Letters referring to Lebanon were read, and

Resolved, That as soon as a suitable opportunity offered to transfer Rev. Mr. Wilhelm Kurz, the congregation shall be free to extend a call to another preacher ; that, in the meantime, the congregations which have no preacher be served as much as circumstances permit by the neighboring preachers.

8. A letter from the so-called Schuster's Congregation was read and *Resolved*, that the members who belong to the new church retain their right in it, but that they attend worship in the old church, and shall contribute to it ; the preacher also shall preach in the old church.

9. A Latin and German communication was handed in by a certain Carl Stock, in which he petitions for permission to preach. It was considered advisable for the present to have nothing to do with him.

10. Letters concerning Mr. Wichterman were presented, containing testimonials from his former and his present congregations, both speaking well of him. In the latter his ordination was requested.

Resolved, that his license be renewed.

11. Letters from Mr. Dill's congregations and a communication from him were read. In the former he is commended, in the latter he asks for ordination.

Resolved, To renew his license.

12. A letter from Mr. Espich was read, in which he excused his absence.

Resolved, To renew his license.

13. Letters from Downeytown and Candidate Wiegand were read.

Resolved, To grant him a license.

14. A petition from one Mr. Jacinsky was read and

Resolved, That we could have nothing to do with him, because he had twice already accepted ordination in a manner which the Synodical Meeting disapproves.

15. A letter from St. John's Church was read and resolved, that a committee be appointed from the delegates to adjust existing differences, and that Messrs. Friedrich Mühlenberg, Kämmerer and Hof be the committee. After some time the committee reported as follows: "That a strict investigation shows that both parties acted too hastily, and that the best way to restore peace would have been to send the letters of both parties to the President of the Ministerium; but as the complainant, Mr. Kesselring, for many reasons would not consent to this, the committee could do nothing more than exhort very earnestly to unity and peace which both parties promised to establish and maintain; therefore, the committee presents the following motion for approval: That both parties be earnestly and fraternally exhorted to unity and peace, and that beyond this the Synodical Meeting have nothing to do with the matter.

This motion was accepted.

16. Letters from Whippain were read, in which request was made for a preacher. *Resolved*, That Candidate Diel may accept the congregation if they give him a call.

17. Since the Synodical business was herewith ended, the meeting proceeded to the election of its officers and the place of its next meeting. Pastor Schmidt was chosen President and Rev. Mühlenberg Secretary, and Philadelphia appointed as the place of meeting.

18. In the evening Dr. Helmuth preached on Heb. 10: 32.

APPENDIX OF THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE MINISTERIUM IN THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

It was *Resolved* that Licentiate Mr. Hinkle and Messrs. Meier, Rütz, Jaeger, Schmucker and Bence be examined in writing, and advanced according to the result of the examination.

While these gentlemen withdrew and answered the questions given them, the Ministerium carried on some theological discussions.

The answers were handed in and carefully examined, and hereupon it was

1. Unanimously *Resolved*, That Mr. Paul Hinkel be ordained this evening (June 6) at public service.

2. Unanimously *Resolved*, That Mr. Rütz be catechist under the supervision of the preacher in Hanover, in the Schuster's, Sattler's, Bleimeier's and Frey's churches.

3. Unanimously *Resolved*, That Mr. Jaeger be catechist in Williamstown and Greenwich, under the supervision of the pastor in Goschenhoppen.

4. *Resolved*, That Mr. Schmucker be catechist in the Quickel's Church, under the supervision of the preacher in Yorktown.

5. *Resolved*, that Mr. Aug. Friedrich Meier be licensed as candidate for Teilstown, Rensselaer, Veyk, Hellenberg and Bieverdam, in New York State.

6. *Resolved*, That Mr. Peter Bence be catechist for Weiseichenland, Mountjoy, Middletown and Harrisburg, under the supervision of the pastor in Lancaster.

After the close of the ministerial transactions public service was again held. Mr. Carpenter preached on Ps. 32: 1, and the pastor *loci* dismissed the assembly with benedictions.

Last of all, Mr. Paul Hinkel was ordained by the President, assisted by Drs. Helmuth and Mühlenberg.

Id quod factum testantur.

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. President.

F. H. CHRISTIAN HELMUTH,
P. t. Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF 1792.

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MINISTERIAL REGULATIONS OF THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ADJACENT STATES.

CHAPTER I.—THE NAME.

WE, the Evangelical Lutheran ministers of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States, who acknowledge one another as one Body, by the subscription of our respective names to these ministerial regulations, denominate our association: "The German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in Pennsylvania and Adjacent States;" and our convention: "A Ministerial Meeting," and our convention with the Delegates of the United Congregations, "A Synodical Meeting."

CHAPTER II.—OF THE SENIOR.

1. The Ministerium acknowledges a Senior, a dignity granted to the oldest and most meritorious of our pastors by election of the ordained ministers, which he retains for life, provided, his conduct is conformable to the station, which he holds. The election is by ballot, and without nomination.

2. The Ministerium honors the Senior as a father, and cheerfully receives his advice, admonition and reproof in all cases, wherein his experience may prove beneficial.

CHAPTER III.—OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President of the Ministerium is also President of the Synodical Meeting, and presides in the sessions, and is respected as an overseer [Aufseher], both during the sessions and at other times.

2. Ordained ministers solely are eligible to this office. He is annually elected by a majority of votes of the ordained ministers, licensed candidates, and the delegates of the congregations, in the commencement of the session, after the delegates have been enrolled.

3. He continues in office until his successor has been elected at the next annual Synodical Meeting. He is re-eligible for three successive elections only.

4. He is entitled in Synodical and Ministerial Meetings to offer resolutions and to express his opinion, as well as any other member.

5. When the votes are even, he has the casting vote, but in no other case has he a vote, except in elections by ballot, but in that case he has no casting vote.

6. He nominates the committees with consent of Synod ; in contested cases, however, each party may choose one arbiter and the President the third.

7. He, in connection with the Pastor loci, appoints the ministers that are to officiate during the session.

8. The President ordains candidates with the assistance of two or more ordained ministers. The act of ordination is to be performed in public meeting, whenever possible, but no candidate can be ordained unless two-thirds of the ordained ministers present consider him a suitable subject for ordination.

9. The rule concerning ordination applies also to licenses. The President can grant them only in a general Ministerial Meeting, and with the consent of two-thirds of the ordained ministers.

10. He appoints the committee of examination of candidates and catechists, although each member is at liberty, in due order, to examine candidates still further.

11. He is to admonish an erring brother several times in private ; if this admonition prove unavailing, he brings the case before the meeting for investigation and decision.

12. He is to sign and deliver the resolutions passed in Synod to the delegates of the congregations.

13. It is his duty to sign all ordination certificates, licenses, &c., and to see that they receive the seal of the Ministerium, and that they are given into the hands of those persons for whom they are designed.

14. He is to subscribe the proceedings of Synod in the written minutes.

15. It is his duty to see that soon after every Synodical or Ministerial Meeting all the instruments of writing are delivered into the Archives.

CHAPTER IV.—OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary of the Ministerium is also Secretary of Synod and is elected annually at the same time and in the same manner, as well as on the same conditions under which the President is elected

2. Ordained ministers only that are suitable and experienced can be chosen for this office.

3. It is his duty to write letters, licenses, certificates of ordination, &c.

4. He countersigns the ordination certificates, licenses, resolutions of

Synod for the delegates as well as the proceedings of Synod in the written minutes.

5. It is his duty to give at least six weeks' previous notice in one or several German papers, of the place and time for holding a Synodical Meeting.

6. He is to keep a list of all the ordained ministers, licensed candidates and catechists, with place of their residences; and of the respective congregations in connection with the Ministerium, and the names of the ministers serving them.

CHAPTER V.—OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERIUM.

There are three ranks of pastors in the Ministerium, viz: *Ordained ministers, licensed candidates and catechists.*

ARTICLE I.—OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. All ordained ministers are equal in regard to rank or title, excepting the officers spoken of before; they have therefore, in their congregations, no other superintendents but these officers, and these only in so far as this Constitution renders it incumbent on them, to impart their views and advice to ministers.

2. No minister therefore is permitted to perform ministerial acts or official duties in the congregations of another pastor, except with his consent.

3. Every pastor may, as circumstances require, introduce regulations in the churches of his charge, though care should be taken, that as far as possible there should exist a pleasing harmony with the regulations in the other churches.

4. The minister may leave his congregation and take the charge of others, though his duty requires him to act conscientiously in such a case as before God, and he is to inform the President of the change as soon as possible.

5. Whenever important questions of conscience are to be examined and decided, the ordained ministers alone are to be entitled to a vote in the case.

6. Every ordained minister possessing the requisite qualifications, time and opportunity, has the right and liberty to take under their instruction young men, desirous of devoting themselves to the ministry, and by oral instruction, the recommendation of good books and practical directions, to prepare them for the service of the Lord, and whenever a student so instructed has obtained a systematic knowledge of the doctrines of salvation, the gift of speaking, an unblemished character

and evidences of experimental religion, his instructor may permit him to preach.

7. When a regular ordained minister desires to be received into our connection, the vote is to be taken in a general Ministerial Meeting, but none can be acknowledged as an actual member, who does not receive two-thirds of the votes of the ordained ministers present.

8. Ministers, *who either by express request or with the consent of their Ministerium are sent to this country*, by a European Institute, such as the Orphan-house of Halle, or some Evangelical Consistory or Ministerium, cannot be rejected, unless the objections of two-thirds of the ordained ministers present are important and established.

ARTICLE II.—OF LICENSED CANDIDATES.

1. A licensed candidate is confined to those congregations which have been confided to his care by the Ministerium.

2. Without the approval of the Ministerium or its officers he is not permitted to leave the congregations to which he has been appointed, or exchange them for others. He is likewise prohibited from performing ministerial duty in any other congregation, except if requested by an ordained minister to officiate for him.

3. He is to preach the Word of God in its purity according to the law and the gospel, he is to diligently instruct the children, to visit the schools and the sick, endeavor to increase in knowledge, and adorn his office by a Christian walk and conversation.

4. He performs all ministerial acts in the congregations entrusted to his care, during the term of his license.

5. He is to keep a journal of his official acts and to submit it with several fully written sermons annually to the inspection of the Ministerium, and at the same time to return his license for renewal.

6. It is his duty to appear annually at Synod, in which he has seat and vote, and likewise attend the Ministerial Meeting.

7. But if on account of distance or any other important cause he should not be able to attend Synod, it is his duty, with a written excuse, to send his journal, the sermons and his license to the Ministerium.

ARTICLE III.—OF CATECHISTS.

1. The catechist is subject to the general superintendence of the Ministerium and its officers, and besides this to the particular care of one of the neighboring ordained ministers, who is to be named as such in the catechist's license, and whom he has to respect as his instructor and father; whose directions he follows in continuing to serve the Lord, and

the extension of his theological knowledge, and whose advice he seeks in important cases.

2. The catechist is, however, not to be considered an adjunct to his instructor, but attends to the congregations assigned him; the instructor is therefore not permitted to send him arbitrarily into other congregations to perform official duties for him, but it is the instructor's duty to assist the catechist entrusted to him with paternal advice, so that both may perform their respective offices with profit to the congregations.

3. The catechist is to preach the Word of God in purity to the congregations assigned him by the Ministerium, catechise the young, baptize, visit the schools and the sick, attend funerals and instruct the confirmands.

4. He is however not permitted to confirm or administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but whenever such ministerial acts are to be performed in his congregations, he has to request his instructor some time previously, to discharge these official duties for him; in that case the instructor appoints a day for that purpose, and performs these ministerial acts either personally, or requests another minister in connection with the Ministerium to do it for him.

5. The catechist is not permitted without consent of the Ministerium or its officers, to leave the congregations entrusted to him, and to perform official duties in other congregations.

6. If his duty permit it, he may keep a school, if there is no teacher in his congregation.

7. It is his duty to keep a journal of his official acts, and to send annually the same, with two catechetical sermons that he has written, for the inspection of the Ministerium and the Ministerial Session, together with his license for renewal.

8. He is permitted to attend the annual Synodical Meetings, but has no vote. But he has to appear before the Ministerial Session, if distance of location and other important circumstances do not prevent him.

9. If he cannot appear personally, it is his duty, with a written excuse, to send his journal, sermons and license to the Ministerium, the latter for renewal.

10. No one is to be admitted as catechist, whose walk and conversation is not blameless; he must be at least twenty years of age, have acquired a systematic knowledge of Christian doctrines and ethics; he ought to possess some knowledge of human nature, manifest a gift of speaking, and above all things a practical knowledge of experimental religion.

11. He is to be examined by the Ministerium, and appointed by a license to the office of a catechist, before he can officiate in that capacity.

CHAPTER VI.—OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING.

1. A Synodical Meeting is to be held at least once every year. Time and place, when not appointed by the preceding meeting, are to be left to the President.

2. The regular members of the Synod are the ordained ministers, the licensed candidates and the delegates of the United Congregations.

3. No minister is permitted to absent himself from the Synodical Meetings, unless in cases of urgent necessity, and if such a case occurs, the minister absenting himself has to render a written excuse to the body; self-made official duties made for such, *e. g.*, preaching, marrying, the giving of catechetical instruction, confirming, administering the Lord's Supper and the like, are not to be considered as cases of urgent necessity, and are no valid excuse for non-attendance.

4. Whoever does not appear personally at the Synodical Meeting, or render a written excuse for his absence, shall be called to account by the President at the next Synodical Meeting.

5. If any minister neither attends the meeting of Synod nor renders a written excuse for non-attendance during three successive sessions, he is to be considered as no longer a member of the Ministerium.

6. Letters of excuse for non-attendance, as well as all other instruments of writing, are always to be directed to the President.

7. The pastor of the place, where the Synod is to meet, and the Church Council of that congregation, are to provide for the entertainment of the United Ministers, licensed candidates and catechists and their horses; those who cannot be assigned are to be entertained at the expense of the congregation.

8. The ministers are to meet at the place of session one day previous thereto, so that the President may properly assign the appointments to preach, and no member is justified in leaving Synod previous to its close.

9. The delegates of the congregations may attend all the meetings of Synod, but not all are entitled to a vote; those delegates only, from congregations served by ordained ministers or licensed candidates present, are so entitled. Delegates from congregations served by catechists have no vote at Synod.

10. It is therefore a fixed rule, that there are in Synod no more voting delegates than there are ordained ministers and licensed candidates present; but there are just as many delegates having a seat and voice, from every congregation, as there are ministers in actual attendance at the Synodical Meeting.

11. Every delegate claiming a vote has to produce every time before Synod and President a certificate of election from his minister, elders

and deacons ; that is, from the Church Council of that congregation or congregations whom he is to represent.

12. The delegates entitled to vote are to take seats apart from the rest ; they have a right to offer resolutions, give their opinions and votes in all cases, that are to be decided ; except in the case of a question of learning, orthodoxy or heterodoxy of a candidate or catechist ; his reception into or exclusion from the Ministerium, or similar cases, which the Ministerial Session alone has to decide.

13. Every congregation that is served only by an ordained minister or a licensed candidate in connection with Synod, and every group of congregations, who unitedly enjoy the services of such a pastor, are entitled to one delegate to Synod ; his expenses are to be borne by the congregation, and at the place of meeting each delegate has to provide for his board and lodging ; it is, however, left optional with each congregation whether to send a delegate or not to every meeting.

14. As therefore the United Congregations are represented in Synod by their respective delegates, and are entitled to seat and vote in that body, it is their duty cheerfully to obey the regulations and resolutions of Synod and the Ministerium.

15. On Sunday three sermons are to be preached in the place where Synod is to convene, and divine service is to be held every evening, but if Synod meets in the country, the evening services are omitted, and instead thereof a sermon is to be preached on Monday at 9 o'clock, A.M., provided the state of business permit it ; and in that case the Synod meets immediately after divine service. After the service the *pastor loci* announces where the meeting is to be held.

16. Every session of Synod commences at 9 o'clock, A.M., and continues to 1 o'clock, P.M., and in the afternoon Synod meets at 3 o'clock and closes its session at 6 ; unless important business should require more protracted sessions.

17. It is the duty of the President to begin the business precisely at ten minutes after 9 o'clock, A.M., and in the afternoon precisely at ten minutes past 3 o'clock ; even though but three ordained members besides himself should be present.

18. If the President should be detained, and at least five ordained ministers be present, they elect a President *pro tem.* and commence business ; and whatever shall have been transacted and resolved in such a meeting, shall be considered as valid as if it had been transacted by the whole body.

19. In the absence of the Secretary, the President appoints one *pro tem.*

20. If a member of Synod delay coming until after a full hour, the

President is to call him to account and to reprimand him in case of insufficient excuse. From this regulation the *pastor loci* is, however, exempt.

21. The order of Synodical business is as follows :

a. The first session of Synod is opened with prayer by the President or Senior ; if they are absent, by the Secretary or one of the elder ministers.

b. After prayer the Secretary records the names of the ministers, licensed candidates and catechists present, together with the place of their residence.

c. The delegates claiming seat and vote are now called upon for their certificates of election ; these being found in order, their names and the congregations which they represent, are registered.

d. Afterwards the President or his substitute announces to Synod that the term for which the President and Secretary have been elected, has expired, and orders that the ministers, licensed candidates and delegates, entitled to a vote, are to elect a President and Secretary by ballot and appoints two superintendents of the election.

e. After election the delegates and other members present their documents to the President, or make a verbal declaration respecting the business they wish to bring before Synod.

f. The Secretary takes a record of the different items in the order in which they are presented, and these documents are numbered in the order in which they have been entered into the minutes.

g. The letters of excuse of absent members are read, and it is the duty of the Secretary to notice all the absentees in the minutes, whether they are excused or not.

h. The minutes of the last Synod are read.

i. The President lays before Synod all the transactions at special meetings, and also all letters which he has received and which have reference to congregational matters.

j. In the transaction of business Synod considers first the concerns of distant congregations and delegates, and those of nearer congregations last.

k. Every minister is to make an oral or written report to Synod of the names of the congregations which he serves, the number of the baptized, confirmed, communicants and deaths in each congregation, and lastly of the state of the schools.

22. When members of Synod or delegates have to make a communication to the President alone, they are not permitted to call him out of the chair for that purpose, but are to wait until the session has adjourned.

23. It is the business of the President to see that everything be in order; that not two or more attempt to speak at the same time, and that the right of each member of Synod to speak his opinion freely without interruption, be maintained, unless the speaker is out of order, when it is the President's duty to call him to order.

24. It is the duty of the President to take special care that every point brought before the house in constitutional order be duly considered and fully discussed, and also that every regular motion made and seconded, and upon which no one has anything further to say, be plainly repeated and the votes taken.

25. The votes are to be given by simply saying *Aye* or *No*, without any remarks.

26. When the press of business requires it, the President may appoint one or more additional assistant Secretaries, whose office, however, is to cease with the session.

27. All the business being transacted, the Synod enters into an election by ballot for the time and place, where and when the next meeting is to be held. A majority of the votes is decisive.

28. Each session of Synod is to be commenced and closed with prayer, by appointment of the President.

29. The last session of Synod is to be closed by the Senior or President.

NOTE.—Before the Synod adjourns, the President states the time and place of the next meeting.

CHAPTER VII.—OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

1. After the transaction of all Synodical business, the Ministerium holds a meeting for a half or an entire day.

2. This meeting is to be considered by the ministers, candidates and catechists as the most important, and no one is to absent himself, except for the most urgent necessity.

3. The Ministerium meets precisely at the appointed time, and the President introduces the sacred duties of this meeting by prayer, or has the Senior to do so. Here is likewise to be observed what has been stated in Chapter VI, § 16–20, in these ministerial regulations.

4. If candidates are to be licensed or ordained, or if catechists are to receive license as candidates, or if students are to be appointed as catechists or as candidates, first of all they are to undergo an examination respecting their doctrine and life.

5. The President asks all the licensed candidates and catechists to hand in their journals, sermons and licenses and divides the ordained ministers into committees, to examine the journals and sermons, and

have them read by the candidates and catechists, accompanied by their comments, for the improvement of the understanding and heart of the composers ; he also appoints the hour to report thereon to the Ministerium.

6. After examination of candidates the licensed candidates and catechists withdraw from the Ministerium ; the committees report and the Ministerium decides upon the reports and the issue of the examination.

a. Who of the candidates are to be ordained, and when and where ? *b.* Whose license is to be renewed ? *c.* Who are to receive license ? *d.* What catechists shall receive the license of candidates ? *e.* What catechists are to be continued as such ? *f.* What new catechists are to be appointed and what ordained ministers are to be their instructors and advisers ? *g.* The President then orders the ordination certificates and licenses to be prepared before the Ministerium does anything else, in order to publicly hand them to the persons designated.

7. This being done, the candidates and catechists are again called before the Ministerium, and the President announces—*a.* to the candidates for ordination, the time and place of ordination. *b.* He solemnly informs the licensed candidates of their duties according to this Constitution. *c.* He receives from the candidates the solemn assurance by word of mouth and the giving of their hands as in the presence of God, that they will faithfully perform the duties prescribed to them. *d.* He delivers the license to each individual. *e.* In the same manner he proceeds with the catechists. *f.* Finally he presents to every newly received minister, candidate or catechist a copy of our liturgy, provided he have none.

NOTE.—The Ministerium may also, according to the circumstances of time and place, decide that § 7, Nos. 2–5, concerning licensed candidates and catechists, may be provided for in the church of the place, where the meeting is held, especially if at the same time candidates are to be ordained, as it would not be inappropriate, that, after the act, they should receive the Holy Supper.

8. The Ministerium uses its own seal for the confirmation of all ministerial documents, certificates of ordination, licenses, etc.

9. All these acts of the Ministerium are to be arranged, that at least two hours be spent in the following exercises, in which all the pastors of the three orders of the Ministerium shall participate : *a.* For mutual edification. *b.* For imparting to each other their experiences in the discharge of official duties. *c.* For engaging in the consideration of such Bible truths as the circumstances and wants of the church seem to require, in order to be advanced in knowledge, encouraged in faithfulness and strengthened in faith.

10. The distribution of such funds as are at hand is one of the last acts of the Ministerium.

11. The meeting is finally closed by prayer of the President or Senior.

CHAPTER VIII.—OF THE ARCHIVES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

1. The Archives of the Ministerium are to be kept with care and not to be transported without sufficient cause from place to place.

2. All the letters, petitions, complaints directed to Synod or the Ministerium, all the answers, advices, testimonials, etc., of Synodical and Ministerial Meetings are to be carefully preserved in them.

3. The written documents of each meeting are to be bound together in suitable form, and on the outside of each such package the number of the year is to be carefully noted.

4. The pastor of the place where the Archives are kept is superintendent over it, is bound to keep it in order and to render an account of the same when required.

5. Without consent of Synod or the Ministerium or its officers, the superintendent of the Archives is not permitted to loan out any document, much less to alienate or destroy it.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SEAL OF THE MINISTERIUM.

The seal of the Ministerium shows a vineyard, wherein some vines stand erect, while still others are prostrate. At the side a hand comes forth from the clouds with a knife and cuts down the erect vines; while on the other side another hand from the clouds erects the vines that are prostrate. Over the vineyard shines the sun in the clear heaven, whose meridian is not yet reached. The inscription is: SIGIL. MINIST. GERMAN LUTH. IN PENNSYLV. ET STAT. VICIN.

CHAPTER IX.—OF SPECIAL OR DISTRICT MEETINGS.

1. Special meetings are to be held by pastors of the Ministerium, living contiguous to each other, as often as circumstances may require, and each congregation under the care of such minister may send a delegate to said meeting, having seat and vote.

2. A Chairman and Secretary are to be elected by said meeting, who are to attest the minutes and copies of the regulations. Their office ceases with the close of the meeting.

3. The objects of such meetings are to promote the welfare of the respective congregations and of the German schools within the District; to examine, decide and determine the business and occurrences in their congregations that are brought before them; provided, however, that each party enjoys the right of appeal to Synod and Ministerium from the decision of the conference.

4. A special meeting is not permitted under any pretence whatever to enter upon business belonging to the Ministerium, as set forth in Chapter III, § 8 and § 9, and in Chapter VII, from § 4 to § 8, even if the officers of Synod were present. But the matters designated in Chapter VII, § 9, should be prominent subjects of deliberations for these special meetings.

5. The acts of the meeting are to be transmitted by the chairman to the President of the Ministerium, to be laid by him before the next Synodical or Ministerial Meeting.

Additional Articles to this Regulation of the Ministerium.

TO CHAPTER V.—ARTICLE I.

§ 9. If an ordained member of the Ministerium removes from us and enters into connection with another Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in the United States, which is acknowledged by us as such, said minister shall still be entitled to seat and vote in this Ministerium ; provided he acts in conformity to this ministerial order, in as far as this is compatible with the duties he owes the Synod with which he has connected himself.

TO CHAPTER V.—ARTICLE III.

The President and Secretary of the Ministerium and Synod may grant to a candidate of Theology a license to perform such *actus ministeriales* and duties as are permitted to catechists to discharge ; provided that said candidate produce unexceptionable testimonials, be desired by vacant congregations and have passed a satisfactory examination. Such license, however, is only valid to the next Ministerial Meeting, and requires no certificate ; but, nevertheless, it should, like all promotions granted by the President and Secretary, according to this order, be committed to writing.

TO CHAPTER VII.

§ 12. If any Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in the United States, which has been acknowledged by us as such, but whose members do not otherwise stand in any close connection with us, should send a delegate to our annual meeting, said delegate shall be entitled to seat and vote in our sessions as a regular member ; provided, however, that said Ministerium grants us equal rights and privileges.

TO CHAPTER VIII.

§ 6. Every member of the Ministerium, as well as every delegate of a congregation in connection with our body, shall have free access to the Archives, under the direction of the superintendent.

FORTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

1793.

On Trinity Sunday a majority of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the adjacent States, together with delegates, arrived in Philadelphia, and attended public worship in both the Lutheran churches.

In Zion's church Dr. Kunze preached in the morning on I Pet. 5: 1 sq.; in the afternoon, Mühlenberg, on Ezech. 33; 10, 11; in the evening, Rev. Mr. Gering, on Phil. 2: 12, 13. In St. Michael's there preached Rev. Mr. Daniel Kurz, Rev. Mr. Moller, Rev. Mr. David Jung.

MAY 27TH, A.M.

In the forenoon, at 9 o'clock, the Synodical Meeting was opened in Zion's church, and, after prayer, a list of the members present was prepared, as follows:

Of preachers, there were present:

1. Mr. Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
2. " Henrich Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
3. " Friedrich Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
4. " Christoph Kunze, from New York.
5. " Henrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
6. " Friedrich Wildbahn, from Reading.
7. " Jacob Buskirk, from Guinnes Township.
8. " Conrad Röller, from Indianfield.
9. " Jacob Gering, from Yorktown.
10. " Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.
11. " Heinrich Möller, from New Holland.
12. " Friedrich Weinland, from New Hanover.
13. " Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.
14. " Friedrich Schäfer, from Germantown.
15. " David Jung, from Martinsburg.
16. " Wilhelm Carpenter, from Culpepper.
17. " Paul Hinkel, from Shenandoah County.

LICENSED CANDIDATES.

1. " Caspar Dill, from Whitehall township.
2. " Joseph Wichterman, from Allentownship.
3. " Günther Wiegand, from Dannitown.
4. " Christian Espich, from Goschenhoppen.

VOTING DELEGATES.

1. From Philadelphia, Messrs. Friedrich Mühlenberg¹ and Henry Kämmerer.
2. From Lancaster, Messrs. Bernhard Hubley and Georg Hoff.
3. From Reading, Peter Filbert.
4. From Germantown, Christian Schneider.
5. From Culpepper, Ludwig Weinland.
6. From Shanandoa, Johannes Röllner.
7. From Whitehall, Michael Deibert.
8. From Allentownship, Valentin Waldman.
9. From New Hanover, Henrich Gilbert.

Hereupon the officers for this year were elected ; a majority of votes appointed Rev. Mr. Emanuel Schulze President, and Preacher Mühlenberg, Secretary.

The newly elected President had handed to him the various communications, of which there were some twenty, and then began the real business, as follows :

1. The Protocol of last year was read, and signed by the former officers.
2. A letter from Rev. Mr. Christian Streit was read, in which he excused his absence with satisfactory reasons, and gave a pleasing report of a Special Conference held in Virginia, the Protocol of which was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

3. Candidate Lütge excused his absence and recommended a man, Mr. Carl Stock. His excuse was not quite satisfactory to the meeting.

4. Pastor Voigt likewise excused his absence, and expressed the desire to be excused from attendance in the future.

His excuse was accepted for this time, but he shall be informed in writing that the meeting desires his presence as often as his strength and circumstances allow.

5. The names of the absent preachers were noted, viz., as follows :

Mr. Nicolaus Kurz sent a letter of excuse ; Wilhelm Kurz, Andreas Krug, Ludwig Voigt, Christian Streit, and Valentin Melsheimer were excused ; Johan Georg Jung died this year ; Daniel Schröter, Friedrich Ernst, Samuel Schwerdfeger and Candidate Enderlein were not excused ; Lütge excused ; Meyer not excused.

[¹ Speaker of U. S. House of Representatives, 1789-91; 93-97.]

6. Letters from Friedrichstown were read; one also from Senior Kurz, who is staying there for a time. No agreement has yet been reached. Hereupon a committee of five was appointed, again to investigate the matter, and to propose some action in reference to it. This committee consisted of the following gentlemen: Friedrich Mühlenberg, Henrich Kämmerer, Georg Hoff, Pastor Wildbahn, Pastor Gering.

MAY 27TH, P.M.

7. A good testimonial for Rev. Mr. Weinland from the congregations at New Hanover and Providence was read. This had reference to a complaint against him, which one man had prepared and sent to the Ministerium. This complaint was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

8. Letters from Lebanon, the Bergkirche and Manheim were read, in which request was made for a preacher. It was

Resolved, That Candidate Dill shall visit the congregations, and that he be proposed to them as their preacher.

9. Request was made by several congregations, that Catechist Jäger be granted permission to preach in a new congregation in William Township, and that he receive a full license.

The first point was granted, and the second referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

10. Letters from Hagerstown and neighboring congregations asked for Catechist Schmucker, and letters from Quickel and Wolf's congregation requested that he be allowed to stay with them, and receive ordination. The latter was referred to the Ministerial Session; and as to the rest it was resolved, that Mr. Schmucker remain in his former congregations another year, but in connection with Rev. Mr. Goering and Daniel Kurz, he shall visit the Hagerstown congregation until they supply themselves with a preacher.

11. The committee appointed sub. num. 6 brought in a report, which was read, and finally, after various changes was accepted, as follows:

Resolved, That the members of the congregation who are not in favor of Rev. Mr. Krug, be advised to seek another preacher from the Ministerium, to serve them and the neighboring congregations, and that, to this end, Candidate Wichterman be proposed to them. He or whoever may be called thither is earnestly admonished to live as much as possible in unity and love with Pastor Krug.

Resolved, That the said members of the congregation, as soon as they agree on a second preacher, send him a call, and provide for his necessary support.

Resolved, That both parties be earnestly recommended to take the

best care, that the church be used by both parties alternately and undisturbed in their worship, and that schools and burial grounds be in common.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Schäfer preached on II Tim. 2: 11, ff.

MAY 28TH, A.M.

12. Various additions to the Ministerial Order were proposed and accepted, and it was resolved, that they be printed as an appendix.

13. It was resolved that each preacher hand in the names of his congregations and a list of the common schools and of the baptized, confirmed, communicants and buried.

Mr. Emanuel Schulze serves the congregations in Tulpehocken Atolhen, Heidelberg, Berne, Schäfersstadt and Warwick.

		Bap- Schools.	tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	Bur- ied.
Dr. Helmuth,	Philadelphia,	7	223	74	813	45
Pastor Schmidt,	Philadelphia,	3	445	117	1183	203
Dr. Kunze,	New York,	1	89	22	—	62
Pastor Mühlenberg,	Lancaster,	1	148	69	723	47
Mr. Wildbahn,	Reading,	1				
	Altgo,	}	2	148		
Mr. Röller,	Scheoppen,					
	Indianfield,					
	Tohickon,	}	3			
Mr. Gering,	Yorktown,					
	Tschochaly,					
	Creutzkriek,	}				
	Misullum,					
	Rockland,					
	Kutztown,	}	8			
Mr. Lehman,	Windsor,					
	Hamburg,					
	Bern,	}				
	Brameschweig,					
	2. Albania,					
	Greenwich,	}				
	New Holland,					
	Bergstrasse,					
Mr. Moller,	Muddykriek,	}	1	58		
	Allegheny,					
	Strasburg,					
	New Hanover,	}	2			
Mr. Weinland,	Providence,					
Mr. Daniel Kurz,	Baltimore,	1	84	38	313	36
	Germantown,	}	2	90	22	250
Mr. Friedr. Schafer,	Barren Hill,					

		Bap- Schools.	Con- tized.	Comm- firmed.	Bur- nicants.	ied.
David Jung in Virginia,	Martinsburg, Scheppardstown, Winchester, Neustadt, Staufferstadt, Steinskirche,	4	192	72	232	18
Mr. Wilhelm Carpenter,	Culpepper, Swiftneugap,	4	112	76	378	11
Mr. Paul Hinkel in Virginia,						
Mr. Jacobus Buskirk	Macunshy, Ober-Milford, Obersaccon, Salisburg,	2	—	90	900	
Mr. Caspar Dill,	Jordan, Earl township, Wissenburg,	2				
Mr. Wichterman,	Allentown, Downingtown, Winterskirche, Zion,	2	25	11	123	5
Mr. Günther Wiegand,	Ober Bermudien, Thomas, Jacobs' Kirche,	2	236	123	383	42
Mr. Espich,	New Goshenhoppen, Lower Milford, Williams Township,	2				
Mr. Jager,	Greenwich, Molltown, Hardwick,	1	101	17	—	14
Mr. Schmucker,	Quickelskirche, Schusters, Bleimeiers,	1	34	53	127	15
Mr. Rutz,	Freys, Sattlers, Stahleys K. Weiseichen,	—	33	48	97	15
Mr. Peter Benz,	Rupho, Middeltown,	3	18			

14. It was resolved that each congregation have its own church record, and that it be kept by the teacher of the congregation.

15. *Resolved*, That the two preachers in Philadelphia have a box prepared at the expense of the Synodical Meeting, in which to preserve the Archives of the Synodical Ministerial Meeting, and that each of the United Preachers have free access to it, under the supervision of the warden.

16. Finally, by a majority of votes, Reading was appointed as the place for the next Synodical Meeting on Trinity Sunday, 1794, and herewith the Synodical Meeting was closed.

MAY 28TH, P.M.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the preachers assembled in the school-house, and after devout prayer, held their Ministerial Session.

1. The papers of candidates and catechists were handed in according to the Ministerial Order.

Candidate Dill handed in a sermon and favorable testimonials, Candidate Espich handed in no papers, Candidate Wichterman handed in three sermons, his license, a short diary and favorable testimonials; Candidate Wiegand, one sermon and his license; Candidates Enderlein, Lütge and Meier were not present and had not sent in any sermon or diary.

2. The catechists were called up, and

1. Mr. Jaeger handed in two sermons, his diary, license and testimonials; 2. Mr. Schmucker, two sermons, his diary, license and testimonials; 3. Mr. Rütz, three sermons, his diary, license and testimonials; 4. Mr. Benz, two sermons, his diary and testimonials, the license he had forgotten.

3. A candidate from Germany, Mr. Georg Friedrich Ellisen, applied for admission into the Ministerium and was highly recommended by various preachers who had become acquainted with him.

4. A certain Johannes Stauch handed in a petition from Virginia asking for his admission. Several congregations are in that region without a preacher, the nearest being one hundred and fifty miles from an ordained preacher.

5. Three committees were appointed:

a. To read over the papers of the licensed candidates: Dr. Helmuth, Revs. Gering, Daniel Kurz and Schäfer.

b. To read over the papers of the catechists:

Rev. Wildbahn, Röllner, Weinland, Jung.

c. To examine the two candidates not yet received, and to look over some petitions from distant candidates:

Dr. Kuntze, Revs. Schulze and Möller.

6. On motion of Dr. Kuntze that the article against Rev. Mr. Ernst, which had appeared some time ago in the Reading newspaper be refuted, it was resolved that the refutation printed some time afterward be regarded as sufficient and be approved by the Ministerium.

In the evening Catechist Jäger preached.

MAY 29TH, A.M.

7. The various reports of the committees were handed in, and with reference to the licensed candidates, it was

Resolved, *a.* To renew Mr. Dill's license.

b. That the President and Secretary be authorized to renew Mr. Espich's license, if they saw fit.

c. Mr. Wichterman's license shall be renewed.

d. Also Mr. Wiegand's license shall be renewed.

8. Concerning the absent candidates who formerly had licenses, questions were asked :

a. Whether Mr. Enderlein was still regarded as a licensed candidate? Answer : Yes.

b. Whether Mr. Meier is in Albania? No.

c. Whether Mr. Lütge's license shall be renewed? Yes, with the admonition from the President that he attend more diligently and be careful in the performance of his ministerial duties.

9. After the reports in reference to the catechists were read, it was

Resolved, *a.* Mr. Schmucker shall receive a full license as licensed candidate in his former congregations. *b.* Mr. Jäger likewise. *c.* Also Mr. Rütz. *d.* And Mr. Benz, with permission to serve a new congregation, the so-called Belman's Church, in such wise, however, that he shall remain under the supervision of the preacher in Lancaster, as before.

10. In reference to the new candidates, it was

Resolved, *a.* That Mr. Ellisen receive a full license as licensed candidate for the congregations in Obermilford, Obersaccon, Salzbury and Allentown.

b. That Mr. Carl Stock shall receive a license as licensed candidate, if he shows the President and Secretary a call from some congregation.

c. That Mr. Stauch receive a license as catechist in Redstone, Morgantown and Salem, under the supervision of the ordained preacher in Martinsburg.

11. A protocol of a special conference held in Virginia was read and listened to with pleasure.

MAY 29TH P.M.,

12. The licenses of the licensed candidates and catechists were delivered to them.

13. The mandatorii (attorneys) of the Halle Orphan house distributed

eighty-four Spanish dollars to the assembled pastors, so that each, and the absent Senior Kurz and Wilh. Kurz, received three dollars.

14. Finally the meeting was closed with prayer.

In the evening Candidate Wiegand preached.

All these proceedings are attested by

EMANUEL SCHULZE,

President.

HEINRICH MÜHLENBERG,

Secretary.

FORTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION.

1794.

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT READING, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 15, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the preachers, together with the delegates from the various congregations went to the old church, and from there in procession to the new church to consecrate it.

President Schulze, standing before the altar, proclaimed that the new church should be called Trinity Church, and consecrated it with a prayer. The consecration sermon was preached by Dr. Helmuth on II Cor. 6: 16. In the afternoon Dr. Mühlenberg preached on I Tim. 1: 15. The evening sermon was in English.

MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, A.M.

At 9 o'clock there was another service, at which Pastor Schulze preached.

At 11 o'clock the Synodical Meeting was opened in the church with prayer. The following ministers were present :

1. ORDAINED PREACHERS.

Wilhelm Kurz, from Jonestown.
Emanuel Schulze, from Tolpehocken.
Henrich Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
Friedrich Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
Henrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
Jacob Buskirk, from Gwinnet and Whitpän.
Conrad Röller, from Alt Goshenhoppen.
C. Friedrich Wildban, from Reading.
Henrich Möller, from New Holland.
Jacob Gering, from Yorktown.
Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.
Friedrich Ernst, from Hudson, in New York State.
Daniel Schröter, from Hanover.
Valentin Melsheimer, from Hanover.
Friedrich Weinland, from New Hanover.
Friedrich Schäfer, from Germantown.
Wilhelm Carpenter, from Culpepper, in Virginia.

2. LICENSED CANDIDATES.

Anton Lütge, from Chamberstown.
 Casper Dill, on the Jordan.
 Christian Espig, from Sunbury.
 Günther Wiegand, from Tannytown, [Dannitown.]
 George Ellisen, from Ober Millford.
 Conrad Jäger, from Williamstown.
 Georg Schmucker, from Quicquel's Congregation.
 Peter Bentz, from Mountjoy.

3. CATECHIST.

Johann Stauch, from Redstone.

DELEGATES WHO BROUGHT WRITTEN CREDENTIALS.

From Philadelphia, Friedrich A. Mühlenberg and Henrich Kämmerer.
 From Lancaster, Bernhard Hubly, George Hoff, Philip Klein, Henrich Gross.

From Reading, Peter Filbert, Michael Krauss.
 From New Hanover, Sebastian Reifschneider, Matthias Wartman.
 From Chamberstown, Michael Eberle.
 From Sunbury, Paul Baldy.

Hereupon they proceeded to the election of officers for this year; by a majority of votes Pastor Schulze was elected President, and Pastor Schmidt Secretary.

The following ministers were absent:

1. EXCUSED.

Christoph Kuntze from New York.
 Joseph Wichterman.
 Andr. Krug, from Friedrichstadt.
 August Ritz.

2. UNEXCUSED.

Ludwig Voigt, from Peikslund.
 Christian Streit, from Winchester.
 Daniel Kurtz, from Baltimore.
 David Jung, from Martinsburg.
 Paul Hinkel, from Shenandoah Co.

The various communications were handed in, numbering 23.

A letter from Dr. Kunze was read, in which he excused his absence and gave an account of the pastors in New York State.

A letter from Candidate Wichterman was read. In it he reports that after the close of the Synodical Meeting he had indeed gone to Friedrichstown, but was not well received there, and now is serving East Camp and other congregations in New York State.

Closed with prayer.

JUNE 16TH, P.M.

At 3 o'clock they began with prayer.

A writing from Bernhard Gilbert, a member of the congregation in

New Hanover, was read, in which various complaints are made against Pastor Weinland. Among other matters, Bernhard Gilbert complains, that it is Pastor Weinland's fault that he was excluded from the Church Council. Pastor Weinland orally defended himself against these complaints, and this occupied the greater part of the afternoon. Finally it was resolved that Pastor Gering, Pastor Melsheimer and Mr. Kämmerer be a committee to investigate these complaints and report on them.

Closed with prayer.

In the evening Mr. Dill preached.

TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, A.M.

After prayer, a letter from Adam Arnold in Hagerstown was read, in which he wished that ways and means might be found to publish some melodies to hymns. Thereupon it was

Resolved, That Dr. Helmuth, F. A. Mühlenberg, Esq., and Mr. Moller, of Philadelphia, be a committee to publish in German papers a plan for the publication of a tune-book, in order that other preachers who have experience in such work may express their opinions as to how such a useful book is to be best arranged; and that then the said committee proceed with the publication.

A letter from Candidate Ritz was read, in which he excuses his absence, and desires to be transferred to other congregations. As several congregations in Penn's Valley petitioned for a pastor, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Ritz might visit these congregations, and if he found the circumstances satisfactory, might accept and serve them.

[Pastor Gering offered to inform Mr. Ritz, and Candidate Espig the congregations.]

The following reports of the baptized, etc., in 1793 were handed in:

Pastors.	Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Died.
Mr. Helmuth and	{ Philadelphia . .	508	116	1075	805 ¹
" Schmidt	{				
" Mühlenberg,	Lancaster . . .	170	70	695	58
	Newholland . .	53	32	—	4
	Bergstrasse . .	16	—	—	6
" Möller,	Modekrick . . .	16	21	—	6
	Allegäny	18	22	—	3
	Manheim	7	27	—	—
	Strasburg . . .	15	15	—	—

¹ Among the 805 deceased are 641 who died of the yellow or pestilential fever, which in August, September, October and November, 1793, carried off 5000 persons in and about Philadelphia.

Pastors.	Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Died.
Mr. Röller,	Altgoshenhoppen	87	—	473	51
" Lehman,	Richmond . . .	186	70	1140	36
" Carpenter,	Culpepper . . .	116	5	211	12
" Krug,	Friedrichstadt .	174	61	472	42
" Schäfer,	Germantown . .	65	20	253	35
" Lütge,	Chambersburg .	64	32	64	39
" Dill,	Jordan	55	45	745	24
" Espig,	Sunbury	63	20	306	6
" Wiegand,	Dannytown . .	181	92	894	30
" Ellisen,	Ober Milford . .	143	120	1374	44
" Jäger,	Williamstown . .	174	107	701	19
" Schmucker,	Quickel's Church,	80	24	152	16
" Bentz,	Mount Joy . . .	70	—	252	—
" Stauch,	Redstone . . .	148	—	—	7
" Weinland,	{ New Hanover . .	45	43	253	12
	{ Providence . . .	35	—	106	6
" Wildban,	Reading	86	42	413	21
" Schulze,	Tulpehocken . .	132	72	507	47

The committee appointed to investigate the charges brought against Pastor Weinland, handed in its opinion, which was read and discussed: whereupon the Synod reached the following decision: The Synodical Meeting considers the complaints against Pastor Weinland not sufficiently substantiated, and will therefore, in spite of these charges, regard him as a worthy member.

At the request of the Ministerium, Pastor Weinland and Bernhard Gilbert were reconciled, and promised, before God and the assembly, in future to mention nothing of that which had happened between them.

But as Bernhard Gilbert also complained that he was unjustly excluded from the Church Council, it was—

Resolved, That Pastor Friedrich Schmidt, Pastor Friedrich Ernst, Friedrich August Mühlenberg, Esq., and Mr. Henrich Kämmerer be a committee to investigate whether the removal of Bernhard Gilbert from the office of trustee in the congregation at New Hanover was in accordance with the Constitution of said congregation.

Resolved, as a By-Law to the Ministerial Order:

"If no delegate accompanies a preacher to the Synodical Meeting, the Church Council of such congregation shall report in writing the reasons why the congregation has not sent any;" and that each preacher announce this resolution in his congregations before each annual Synodical Meeting.

Finally, it was decided by ballot, that the next annual Synodical Meeting shall be held at Philadelphia, on Trinity Sunday.

Closed with prayer.

In the evening Mr. Ellisen preached.

EMANUEL SCHULZE,
P. t. President.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. Secretary.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

HELD AT READING, JUNE 18, 1794.

FORENOON.

After prayer, the licensed candidates and catechists handed in their papers, viz. :

Mr. Lütge : his diary, two sermons, his license ; Mr. Dill : his license ; Mr. Espig : his diary, one sermon, his license ; Mr. Wiegand : his license ; Mr. Ellisen : his diary, two sermons, his license ; Mr. Jäger : diary, two sermons, his license ; Mr. Schmucker : diary, two sermons, his license ; Mr. Bentz : one sermon, his license ; and Mr. Stauch : two sermons, his license.

A call from New Goshenhoppen, Trumbauer's and Schützen's churches, was read. They desire Mr. Gaisenhains [Geissenhainer] as their pastor, and petition for the consent of the Ministerium.

A call from Grünwitsch [Greenwich], Ziegelkirche and New Allmängel for Mr. Obenhausen was read. Also a call from Lebanon, Bergkirche, Campelsstadt and Ziegelkirche for Mr. Lochman. Also a call from Bermudian, Kessler's and Langsdorf's churches for Mr. Rothraff. A call from Great Cove, in Bedford County, for Jos. Stock. A call from Newberry Township, in York County, for George Gräber. A call from Leukensthal [Lyken's Valley] for Johann Grob.

A petition from the congregations of the Frieden's church, St. Peter's church, St. Daniel's church, and Krügerstown, in Friedrich and Washington County, in Maryland, was read, in which they request that they and their preacher Hehl be received into the Ministerium.

After the various papers were duly considered, it was

Resolved, That the candidates Gaisenhains, Obenhausen and Lochman be orally examined by the Ministerium this afternoon from 3 to

3:30; and that Johann Rothraff, George Gräber and Johann Grob be similarly examined from 4 to 4:30 P.M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1794, P.M.

Opened with prayer.

After the various candidates had been duly examined, the following appointments were made by the Ministerium :

That Friedrich Wilhelm Gaisenhains receive a full license as licensed candidate for the congregations in New Goshenhoppen, at Trumbauer's and at Schützen's.

Likewise Johann Friedrich Obenhausen, for the congregations in Greenwich, the Ziegelkirche and in New Allmängel.

Also, George Lochman for the congregations in Lebanon, Campelsstadt, the Bergkirche and the Ziegelkirche.

That Johannes Rothraff receive a license as catechist for the congregations in Bermudian, Kessler's and Langsdorf's congregations, and that he be under the supervision of the pastor at Yorktown.

That Gräber and Grob cannot be received, because of their insufficient training, but that Dr. Helmuth and Dr. Mühlenberg inform them that they would not be forbidden to hold devotional meetings, but that they must be diligent and make better progress in theology.

That we could have nothing to do with Messrs. Hehl and Stock.

Letters from Hegerstown and the congregations united with it were read, in which they desire George Schmucker as their pastor.

Thereupon it was *Resolved*, to renew the licenses of the licensed candidates Lütge, Dill, Espig, Wiegand, Ellisen, Jäger, Schmucker, Ritz, and Bentz for one year, to extend Schmucker's to Hegerstown, Funkstown and Canegedschick [Canogcoscheague], and to issue that of Espig for Sunbury, Pennshill and Buffloe, in Northumberland.

Resolved, That on account of the great distance from an ordained preacher, Catechist Stauch be granted a full license, but that it extend only over Redstone and other congregations near it on the frontier.

Resolved, as a By-Law: "That those preachers who have supervision over catechists inform them that, to save expense and for other reasons, they need not personally appear at the Synodical and Ministerial Meetings, but can send their papers through those under whose care they are."

The licenses were then prepared; the President read to the licensed candidates and catechists a statement of their duties, and handed them their licenses.

The surplus of the interest of the Rödelheim legacy, £19, 7s., 6d., was divided among the present pastors and other needy persons.

Finally, all the pastors bowed their knees before God, and commended themselves and their congregations to the care and mercy of their great Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

In the evening Mr. Lehman preached.

EMANUEL SCHULZE,

P. t. President.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,

P. t. Secretary.

FORTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION.

1795.

(SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 1795)

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA, MAY 31, 1795, IT BEING THE FESTIVAL OF
THE TRINITY.

Since Zion's Church in Philadelphia was burnt down on December 26, 1794, and the honorable Church Council of the Evangelical Reformed congregations in a fraternal spirit had given us the use of their church during the days of the meeting, services were to-day held in St. Michael's and in the Reformed Church in the morning, afternoon and evening. In the Reformed Church Mr. Schulze, Mr. Lehman, Mr. Gaisenhainer preached; in St. Michael's, Mr. Mühlenberg, Mr. Wiegand and Mr. Schäfer.

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST, FORENOON.

At 9 o'clock the pastors and delegates assembled in St. Michael's Church and the Synodical Meeting was opened with prayer. The pastors present were:

1. ORDAINED PREACHERS:

Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
Henrich Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
Friedrich Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
Henrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
Valentin Melzheimer, from Hanover, in York County.
Friedrich Schäfer, from Germantown.
Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.
Jacob Buskirk, from Macunshy.
Conrad Röller, from Old Goshenhoppen.
Andreas Krug, from Friedrichstadt.
Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.
Friedrich Wildbahn, from Reading.

2. LICENSED CANDIDATES.

Günther Wiegand, from Taneytown.
Conrad Jäger, from Williams Township.

George Ellisen, from Upper Milford.
 Fr. Wilh. Gaisenhainer, from New Goshenhoppen.
 Friedrich Obenhausen, from Greenwich.
 George Lochman, from Lebanon.
 Christian Espig, from Sunbury.

3. CATECHIST.

Johannes Rothraff, from Bermudian.

DELEGATES WHO BROUGHT WRITTEN CREDENTIALS:

From Philadelphia: Peter Lex and Balthasar Emrich.
 From Lancaster: Michael Moser.
 From Germantown: George Gröfle.
 From Williams Township: Henrich Haupt.
 From Lebanon: Christoph. Uhler.
 From Baltimore: Carl Schwartz.

As officers were elected: Doctor Helmuth, President, and Pastor Schmidt, Secretary.

The following pastors were absent:

1. EXCUSED.	2. WITHOUT EXCUSE.
Christoph. Kunze.	Wilhelm Kurz.
Henrich Möller.	Ludwig Voigt.
Paul Hinkel.	Daniel Schröter.
Christian Streit.	Friedrich Ernst.
David Jung.	Friedrich Weinland.
Jacob Gering.	Wilhelm Carpenter.
Caspar Dill.	A. Ulrich Lütge.
George Schmucker.	Johann Stauch.
Peter Bentz.	

The various papers, twenty-seven in number, were handed in.

A letter from Doctor Kunze was read, in which he excuses his absence, and reports that the Ministerium in New York State has ordained Candidate Wichterman.

Rev. Mr. Möller excuses his absence and reports that he has accepted a call to Harrisburg and the congregations united with it.

Rev. Mr. Hinkel reported that at present he resides in Augusta County, in Virginia.

Pastors Streit and Jung reported that a District Meeting in Virginia granted the licensed candidate Mau a license for Kentucky and requested that the Ministerium grant the District Meeting permission to ordain the said Mr. Mau, for which ordination Mr. Mau himself also petitioned in writing.

The Protocol of last year's Synodical Meeting was read and signed.
The reports of the baptized, etc., are as follows:

		Bap- tized.	Con- firm'd.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceas'd.
Mr. Schulze,	Tulpehocken	61	48	258	—
	Atollöli	53	41	192	—
	Schäferstadt	29	—	113	—
	Werwick	31	26	103	¹ 153
	Heidelberg	26	—	189	—
	Wenrichs	21	16	62	—
	Rieds	7	—	27	—
" Helmuth, }	Philadelphia	449	91	1124	211
" Schmidt, }					
" Mühlenberg,	Lancaster	158	71	626	40
	Hanover				
" Melsheimer,	Codorus	167	15	783	49
	Germany				
	Opossum Cr.				
" Schäfer,	Germantown	72	19	133	33
	Barnhill				
" Lehman,	Misillum, etc	150	91	1227	31
	Macunshy				
	Drockenland				
" Buskirk,	Nazareth				
	Gwynnet				
	Whitpain				
	Upper Dublin				
" Krug,	Friedrichtown, etc.	189	25	300	29
" Wildbahn,	Reading	74	47	321	27
	Downeytown				
	Winter's Church				
" Wiegand,	Thomas Creek	120	47	675	19
	Jacobs' Church				
	Bermudian				
	Zion's Church				
	William's Township				
" Jäger,	Greenwich	94	31	340	15
	Saccum				
	Allen Township				

¹ In all congregations.

		Bap- tized.	Con- firm'd.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceas'd.
Mr. Ellisen,	Upper Milford	113	57	968	63
	Upper Saccum				
	Salzburg				
	Allentown				
" Gaisenhainer,	New Goshenhoppen . .	67	18	302	10
	Trumbauer's Church .				
	Schützen's Church . .				
" Röllner,	Old Goshenhoppen . .	67	97	433	16
	Indianfield				
	Tohecke				
" Obenhausen,	Greenwich	80	18	459	19
	Weissenburg				
	Albania				
" Lochman,	Lebanon	43	87	243	18
	Bergkirche	19	—	85	8
	Ziegelkirche	5	—	51	1
	Campelstown	19	—	23	3
	Bindnagel's	30	—	85	2
	Carlisle	93	52	—	15
" Rothraff,	Langsdorf				
	Christ Church				
	Bermudian				
	Schuster's Church . .				
	Steltzen's				
	Sunbury				
" Espig,	Buffalo	96	87	503	21
	Arensburg				
	Bruns Valley				
	Penn's Hill				
	Bieber Church				
	Mahanai				

The decision concerning the excusing of congregations which send no delegates to the Synodical Meeting was again read, to be reported to the congregations.

The report of the committee, referring to the difficulties between Pastor Weinland and Mr. Gilbert in New Hanover, was read.

Testimonials of satisfaction with their respective pastors from the

congregations of Messrs. Wiegand, Gaisenhainer, Jäger, etc., were read.

The congregation in Manheim reported that owing to the removal of Pastor Möller it was without a preacher, and petitions for another pastor. Hereupon it was

Resolved, That the congregation apply to the nearest preacher, and that Mr. Mühlenberg inform them of this action.

Concerning the schools in the United Congregations the following report was made:

Mr. Krug reported, that in Friedrichstadt, there was a German school with 40 to 50 children, and in his country congregations several smaller schools; but also complains that many parents prefer to send their children to English schools.

Mr. Schulz reported, that in his congregations there were several German schools, and that the tendency towards English was not very strong.

Mr. Helmuth and Schmidt reported, in Philadelphia there are three main schools, namely, one for boys, one for girls, and one for poor children, they have three teachers with about 250 children; besides these there are some smaller German schools. The preference for English is very strong.

Mr. Mühlenberg reports, that Lancaster has one main school, with 40 to 50 children, and more. There are also some smaller schools.

Mr. Melsheimer has only one German school in his congregations because the tendency towards English is very strong.

In Mr. Schäfer's congregations, the school at Germantown is at present vacant; but that at Barren Hill is in operation.

Mr. Lehman has eight schools in his congregations, and several in common with the Reformed.

In Mr. Buskirk's congregations there are several schools, but most of them are only kept up in winter. In one of his congregations a school-master is desired, who can play the organ.

Mr. Röller's congregations have two school-houses, but at present no teacher; would like to have a man who can play the organ.

Mr. Jäger's congregation in Jersey has no German schools, but in the Pennsylvania congregations there are some.

Mr. Gaisenhainer's congregation in New Goshenhoppen has a strong school; but in both the other congregations there are none.

Mr. Lochmann has a fine school in Lebanon, as also at the Bergkirche; several smaller schools and one union school.

Mr. Espig's congregations, in part, have good schools; they desire to have a school-teacher.

Finally, at the end of the Synodical Meeting, it was decided by ballot, that the next annual Synodical Meeting shall be held at Yorktown, on Trinity Sunday, 1796.

Closed with prayer and singing.

J. HEINR. CHR. HELMUTH,
P. t. President.

J. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. Secretary.

MINISTERIAL MEETING,

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 2D, 1795.

After prayer, the licensed candidates and catechists handed in their licenses and sermons, which were given to the committees appointed to examine them, and report on them.

A lengthy Latin communication from Dr. Kierulf was read. He reports that he was banished from Sweden, because he defended the freedom of the land against tyranny, and asks to be admitted into the Ministerium. But as he was not present, the Ministerium reached no decision.

A writing from Friedrich Wilhelm Lang, a candidate of theology, was read. He reports that he is serving several congregations in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and asks to be received into the Ministerium. Mr. Mühlenberg and Mr. Kurz were appointed to examine him briefly.

Testimonials from Mr. Quitman, who was stationed as Lutheran preacher in the Dutch Island Curagoa for twelve years, were read, and thereupon *Resolved*, that Mr. Helmuth might offer him the vacant congregations in Springfield and at Tohick.

After the reports of the various committees were duly considered, the Ministerium reached the following decisions:

1. That the licenses of the following licensed candidates be renewed for one year, viz.:

Mr. Espig, for Sunbury, Buffalo, Penn's Hill, Riter Church, Penn's Valley, Arensburg and Mahanai; Mr. Wiegand, for his former congregations; Mr. Dill, for his former congregations; Mr. Samuel Mace, for Lexington, the Falls, Danville, and Limestone in Kentucky; Mr. Jäger, as before; Mr. Schmucker, as before; Mr. Ellisen, as before, and for Steiner's Church; Mr. Benz, as before; Mr. Gaisenhainer, as before; Mr. Obenhausen, as before; Mr. Lochman, as before.

2. That the following gentlemen be appointed licensed candidates, viz. :

Mr. Rothraff, for Grünkästel [Greencastle], Jacob's Church, Martin's Church, Bard's [Beard's] Church, and Mercersburg ; Mr. Lang, for Berlin, Peintritsch, Barous, Müllers, Quiertown, Castelman's River, Cumberland, Upper and Lower Millkriek.

3. The following were appointed catechists :

Mr. Georg Gräber, for Freyen Church, in Windsor Township, for Freyen Church, in Eschenfort [added in pencil by Dr. B. M. Schmucker : *Chaunceford*] Township and Sattler's Church.

Mr. Johann Grob, for Dover, Schuster's, Stelze, Kreischer and Lower Bermudian, under supervision of Pastor Melsheimer.

In reference to Johann Herbst, whom some congregations desire to have appointed as pastor, it was resolved, that the Ministerium does not yet consider him qualified ; he was advised to study diligently, and again report at the next Ministerial Meeting.

In reference to Mr. Hehl, who would like to become a member of the Ministerium, the Ministerium abides by the resolution of last year.

The committee, which had received the sermons of the licensed candidates for examination, desired that the following points be presented to the candidates :

1. That in the future they should hand in their outlines, as they were accustomed to preach their sermons before their congregations.

2. That some of them might be admonished to aim more at edification and popularity than at oratorial art, for if they preach sermons like the outlines presented, their congregations are to be sincerely pitied.

3. That those gentlemen, who handed in no outlines, be severely censured.

4. That those pastors who clothe themselves unbecomingly, be earnestly admonished to avoid such offence.

The Ministerium approved the points reported, and resolved that the President should notify the persons concerned.

The President read to the licensed candidates and catechists a statement of their duties, and handed them their licenses.

The surplus of the Rödelheim interest was distributed to the pastors present—£23, 12, 6.

Closed with prayer.

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. Secretary.

FORTY-NINTH CONVENTION.

1796.

(SUNDAY, MAY 22D.)

SYNODICAL MEETING

HELD IN YORKTOWN, MAY 23 AND 24, ANNO DOMINI, 1796.

In the forenoon Mr. Helmuth preached in the Lutheran, and Mr. Mühlenberg in the Reformed church; in the afternoon Pastor Schmidt preached, and in the evening Mr. Lochman.

MONDAY, MAY 23D, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the pastors and delegates assembled, and the Synod was opened with prayer.

The following pastors were present :

1. ORDAINED PREACHERS.

Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.

Heinrich Helmuth, }
Friedrich Schmidt, } from Philadelphia.

Heinrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.

Friedrich Wildbahn, from Reading.

Christian Streit, from Millerstown, in Virginia.

Jacob Göring, from Yorktown.

Daniel Schröter, from Hanover, in York County.

Heinrich Möller, from Harrisburg.

Valentin Melsheimer, from Hanover.

Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore, in Maryland.

David Jung, from Martinsburg, in Virginia.

Wilhelm Carpenter, from Culpepper, in Virginia.

Paul Hinkel, from Stentown [Stanton], in Virginia.

2. LICENSED CANDIDATES.

Conrad Jäger, from Williams Township.

Georg Schmucker, from Hagerstown, in Maryland.

Peter Benz, from Mount Joy.

Fr. Wilh. Gaisenhains, from New Goschenhoppen.

Friedrich Obenhausen, from Allemängel [Allemingao].
 Georg Lochman, from Lebanon.
 Johann Stauch, from Redstone.
 Johann Rothrauff, from Grünkastel.
 Carl Stock, from Picket Mountain [Peaked Mountain], in
 Virginia.
 Friedrich Lang, from Berlin.

3. CATECHISTS.

Georg Gräber, from Windsor, York County.
 Johann Grob, from Holzschwamp, York County.

4. DELEGATES WITH WRITTEN CREDENTIALS.

From Tulpehocken	Michael Ley.
" Philadelphia	{ Peter Lex.
	{ Georg Krebs.
" Lancaster	Michael Moser.
" Reading	Johann Phillipi.
" Yorktown	Johann Hay.
" Harrisburg	Benjamin Kurz.
" Hanover	Georg Merker.
" Hagerstown	Christian Hakky.
" Lebanon	Conrad Reinöhl.
" Grünkastel	Frederick Beyer.
" Berlin	Adam Neu.

Officers were elected as follows: Doctor Helmuth, President, and
 Pastor Schmidt, Secretary.

The following pastors were absent:

1. WITH EXCUSE.

Wilhelm Kurz,
 Christoph Kunze,
 Daniel Lehman,
 Frederick Schaefer.

2. WITHOUT EXCUSE.

Ludwig Voigt,
 Jacob Buskerk,
 Friederich Weinland,
 Caspar Dill,
 Christian Espig,
 Georg Ellisen.

The various papers were handed in, and the Protocol of the last
 Synodical Meeting was read.

A member stated to the meeting that the design of the Assembly of
 this State, to establish free schools throughout the State would very
 much injure our German schools, especially in regard to the religion

taught in them, and might very likely destroy them. It was therefore

Resolved, That Messrs. Helmuth, Mühlenberg and Göring, together with the delegates from their congregations, be a committee to consider the matter, and draft a petition with reference to this matter, which could be handed to the Assembly.

A report of a District Meeting in Virginia was read. It contains many resolutions and transactions, intended to promote the prosperity of the congregations in Virginia.

Closed with prayer.

MONDAY, MAY 23D, P.M.

Prayer was offered.

Letters from various congregations were read, which declare their satisfaction with their respective [preachers].

A letter from the congregation in Reading was read. They report that their former preacher, Mr. Wildbahn, has resigned, and request the Ministerium to help them to get another faithful pastor. The delegate was advised that he might confer with several of the preachers who desire a change, or that the congregation might apply to any preacher in the Ministerium.

The congregations in Modenkrik [Muddy Creek], Mount Joy and Manheim, in Lancaster County, make written request that Mr. Benz be permitted to administer the means of grace to them. After considering the circumstances, it was granted for one year.

Middletown and several other congregations near Friedrichtown, in Maryland, ask for Mr. Gräber as their preacher. It was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

Various congregations now vacant: *e. g.*, Winchester, in Virginia; Grünsburg, Herold's, Broschkrick and Ridge, which the late Mr. Lütge served; Chambersburg, Shippensburg, Scherers, and Fallspring; Danytown, in Maryland; Pennsburg, Scherman's Valley, in Cumberland County; and others petition for preachers. As in most cases ministers are concerned who are not yet ordained, it was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

The congregation in Shepherdstown reports that they are engaged in building a church, and petition for a contribution from the United Congregations. Thereupon it was

Resolved, That they be permitted to send collectors to the various congregations.

The following is the report made by the preachers of the number of the baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased in their respective congregations in the year 1795:

Preachers.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Deceased.
Mr. Schultze	213	82	752	46
" Helmuth and Schmidt	416	93	1051	367
" Mühlenberg	157	75	610	47
" Wildbahn	96	59	355	22
" Göring	98	123	—	—
" Schröter	186	50	728	18
" Möller	59	80	154	24
" Carpenter	133	32	155	9
" Jung	96	60	212	26
" Lehman	187	76	1187	31
" Jäger	114	—	415	20
" Schmucker	154	48	246	24
" Bentz	100	53	279	—
" Gaisenhains	91	61	658	14
" Obenhausen	78	29	510	23
" Lochman	130	62	478	28
" Stauch	163	62	226	19
" Rothrauff	188	92	219	15
" Lang	187	235	692	24
" Stock	32	15	140	6
" Gräber	53	17	40	6
" Grob	94	—	—	13

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, A.M.

Opened with prayer.

The preachers gave a report of the condition of the schools in their congregations, as follows :

In Mr. Schulze's congregations the schools are still in the condition they were last year. Philadelphia has four main schools, and earnest efforts are being made to improve them. Lancaster [school] numbers 40 to 80, and German and English are taught. Reading is still as before, numbering 60 to 70 children. Yorktown is very strong, and German and English are taught in the school. Mr. Schröter's congregations have four German, and one in which German and English are taught. Harrisburg numbers 30 pupils, and is German and English. McCallister has two English, and in the country there are several German schools. Baltimore has no German school. Martinsburg and Schippensburg have each one school. In Mr. Carpenter's congregations there are three small German schools. In Mr. Jäger's congrega-

tions there are two regular schools [in fair condition?]. Hagerstown has one English and one German school, so also Funkstown.

In Mr. Bentz's congregations there are no German schools.

In Goshenhoppen the school is constantly improving.

Lebanon has one school with forty scholars; others have some smaller schools [Ueberschulen].

In Mr. Stock's there are English and German schools. In Mr. Lang's, two German and one English and German. In Mr. Stauch's, two. In Mr. Rothrauff's, three German winter schools. In Mr. Gräber's, two regular schools. In Mr. Grob's, two winter-schools.

The committee appointed handed in a petition addressed to the General Assembly, concerning schools in Pennsylvania; it was read, considered, approved, and signed by the preachers and delegates.

Resolved, That 150 copies be printed, and distributed among the various congregations to be signed.

At the close of the Synodical Meeting it was decided, by ballot, that the next annual Synodical Meeting should be held at Baltimore on the Festival of the Trinity.

Finally prayer was offered and a hymn sung.

J. HEINR. CH. HELMUTH,
P. t. President.

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. Secretary.

MINISTERIAL MEETING

AT YORKTOWN, MAY 24TH.

MORNING SESSION.

Opened with prayer.

A certificate of ordination and several testimonials of a Lutheran preacher from Germany, Mr. August Heinrich Schmidt, were read. The said preacher requests to be received into the Ministerium. Thereupon it was

Resolved, That the Ministerium, after reading the favorable testimonials, recognize Mr. Schmidt as an ordained preacher, but does not think it possible to receive him as a member of the Ministerium, because it is contrary to the custom of the Ministerium to receive any preacher into its association before it becomes evident that his conduct agrees with his testimonials from abroad.

Closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After prayer, various petitions of congregations in Pennsylvania and Virginia were read, in which they request that certain candidates may be examined by the Ministerium, and given to them as pastors. These candidates are Mr. Johann Folz, Adolph Spindler, Johann Herbst, and Johann Michael Steck.

Pastor Schulze desired that his son, Johann Andreas Schulze,¹ might be examined at the same time.

Hereupon the candidates and catechists handed in their writings and licenses, and the Ministerium divided itself into committees to examine the candidates, and look over the sermons and diaries they had handed in.

It was resolved that Mr. Mühlenberg should deliver a memorial address in honor of the deceased Pastor Krug in Friedrichstown, and that Messrs. Göring and Melsheimer shall accompany him thither.

After the various committees had handed in their reports, the Ministerium passed the following resolutions :

1. That the licenses of the licensed candidates be renewed.
2. That Mr. Johann Andreas Schulze receive a full license, and assist his [father] in his congregations.
3. That Mr. Georg Gräber receive a full license for Middletown, Geber's church, Ringert's, Schauman's, Scherpsberg, in Maryland, and Loudon in Virginia.
4. That Mr. Johann Grob receive a full license for Dover, Paradise, Lower Bermudian, Schuster's, Fissel's, and Stelzen's church.
5. That Mr. Georg Schmucker serve Hagerstown, Funkstown, Canegoschick and Williamsburg.
6. That Mr. Peter Bentz, besides his former congregations, also serve Manheim and Modekrik.
7. That Mr. Johann Folz, as licensed candidate, serve St. Peter's church, Röder's church, at Powelsford, and Brook's Cape, in Virginia.
8. That Mr. Adolph Spindler, as licensed candidate, serve St. John's church, Hone meeting house and Frieden's church, in Virginia.
9. That Mr. Johann Michael Steck, as licensed candidate, serve Greensburg, Herold's, Bruschkrik, Ridge, at Jacobskrik and at Alleghany, in Westmoreland County.
10. That Mr. Johann Herbst serve Schierman's Valley, Great Spring, Kennokoqui, Trendel's church, Frieden's church, in Rothland and Carlisle, in Pennsylvania.

¹ [Afterwards Governor of Pennsylvania, 1823-29.]

After the various certificates for the places mentioned had been prepared, the President read to the licensed candidates a statement of their duties, and gave them their licenses.

The mandatorii [attorneys] of Director Schulze of the Orphan House, in Halle, distributed to the preachers present, and the widow of Mr. Lütge, 30£ 3s. 9d. of the interest of the Rödelheim legacy.

Closed with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT.

P. t. Secretary.

FIFTIETH CONVENTION.

1797.

(SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH.)

ACTS OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT BALTIMORE, JUNE 11, 12, 13 AND 14, ANNO DOMINI, 1797.

In the forenoon Dr. Helmuth preached in the Lutheran Church, Mr. Melsheimer in the Reformed Church, and Jacob Goering in Otterbein's. In the afternoon, Mr. Lochmann in the Lutheran Church, Mr. Jung in the Reformed, and Mr. Schmucker in Otterbein's. In the evening, Dr. Mühlenberg in the Lutheran Church. The services were well attended, and it is to be hoped that the addresses have not remained without blessing. It was a pleasure to observe the spirit of charity between the members of the various denominations.

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, A.M.

At nine o'clock the pastors and their delegates assembled in the church, and the Synod was opened with prayer.

1. The ordained preachers present were :

Mr. J. C. Henrich Helmuth, Th.D., from Philadelphia.

“ Heinrich Mühlenberg, T.D., from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

“ Daniel Kurtz, P. L. [Pastor loci.]

“ C. Friedrich Wildbahn, from Friedrickstown, Maryland.

“ Valentin Melsheimer, from Hanover, Pennsylvania.

“ F. David Schaeffer, from Germantown, Pennsylvania.

“ Daniel Schröder, from Hanover, Pennsylvania.

“ David Jung, from Martinsburg, Virginia.

“ Jacob Goering, from Yorktown, Pennsylvania.

2. The Licensed candidates present were :

Mr. Joh. Georg Schmucker, from Hagerstown, Maryland.

“ George Lochmann, from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

“ Johannes Stauch, from Redstone, Pennsylvania.

“ Johannes Rothrauff, from Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

“ Georg Gräber, from Middletown, Maryland.

Mr. Johannes Grob, from Dover, Pennsylvania.

“ Adolph Spindler, from Augusta County, Virginia.

“ Johannes Herbst, from Sherman's Valley, Pennsylvania.

3. Delegates, with credentials, were present—

1. From Philadelphia, Mr. Georg Krebs.

2. “ Hagerstown, Mr. Jacob Kurtz.

3. “ Lebanon, Mr Hoffmann.

4. “ Davids, Zions, —.

5. “ Redstone, —.

6. “ Baltimore, Mr. Englehardt Yaiser.

7. “ Middletown, in Maryland, —.

8. “ Dover and other congregations, Mr. Georg Rühl.

9. “ Hanover, Mr. —.

4. Absent ordained preachers, who sent letters of excuse:

Mr. Wilhelm Kurtz, Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

“ Joh. Friedrich Schmidt, Philadelphia.

“ Joh. Christoph Kunze, New York.

“ Heinrich Moller, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania,

“ William Carpenter, Culpepper, Virginia.

“ Paul Hinckel, Shenandoah, Virginia.

5. Absent licensed candidates, who excused themselves in writing:

Mr. Joh. Conrad Jäger, Williams Township, Pennsylvania.

“ Peter Bens, Cocalico, Pennsylvania.

“ F. Wilhelm Geisenheiner, New Goshenhoppen, Pennsylvania.

“ F. Wilhelm Lange, Berlin, Pennsylvania.

“ Carl Stock, Picket Mountain, Virginia.

“ Joh. Michael Steck, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The election of officers was held. Doctor Helmuth was chosen President, and Jacob Goering, Secretary.

The various writings which had been received were handed in, and the Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read.

The congregation in Hagerstown made written request, that the next Synodical Meeting be held there.

The congregation in Lebanon likewise made request, that the next Synod be held there. *Resolved*, That these requests be deferred to the close of the Synodical Meeting, because the choice of a place is then made.

A congregation in Upper Bermudian, in York County, petitioned in

writing and also orally through a delegate, that it might be served by Mr. Grob. The petition was granted.

From Taneytown, in Maryland, and several congregations united with it, delegates (and letters) were present, asking for a preacher. Written answer was given them, that they might apply to any preacher in the Ministerium, who in their opinion would suit them, and accept their call.

New Holland, in Lancaster County, wrote for a preacher. The Synod resolved, that Mr. Jung pay a visit there.

The congregations at Falling Spring and Scherer's, in Franklin County, made written request to be served by Mr. Rothrauff. Their request was granted.

From Jonestown a letter was handed in, which described the condition of the congregation, and contained a petition that the congregation might be served by Mr. Lochmann. Mr. Wilhelm Kurtz, who resides in this congregation and apparently has some friends in it, also wrote, and asked for a committee of preachers to investigate the dissension existing between him and some members of the congregation. The Synod commissioned Doctor Mühlenberg to write to both parties, and enjoin upon them, that Mr. Kurtz be permitted to preach in the church until the next Synodical Meeting, at which (because it will be held near Jonestown), the request made by both parties shall be investigated, and if possible adjusted.

A congregational committee in Frederickstown, Maryland, made written request that the congregation at that place might be served by Mr. Wildbahn. This request was granted in a letter sent to the committee by the Synod.

The congregation at Reading made written application for a preacher. *Resolved*, That Mr. Jung also pay a visit there. The congregation was informed of this resolution by letter of the Synod.

The reports concerning the German schools were handed in. Mr. Jung reported, that at present there was a good school-teacher at Martinsburg. Mr. Schaeffer, that the congregation at Germantown has no teacher at present. J. Goering, that in Yorktown a new school-teacher was received, and it is at present still unknown how it will work. Mr. Schröter, that four schools are at present being kept in his congregations. Mr. Melsheimer, that three German schools are being kept in his congregations. Mr. Kurtz, that his congregation in Baltimore possesses one German and one English school. Mr. Schmucker, that there are four schools in his congregations. Mr. Lochmann, that there are two schools in his congregations. Mr. Stauch reports three summer and five winter schools. Mr. Rothrauff, that in his congregations two

winter schools are kept. Mr. Gräber, that in his congregations three German schools are kept. Mr. Grob, that in his congregations there are three German schools. Mr. Spindler reports three schools in his congregations. Mr. Herbst, that in his congregations four winter schools are kept. The others were still in the same condition as last year.

The following reports of the number of baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased, were given by the pastors.

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Comm- nicants.	De- ceased.
Mr. Mühlenberg,	155	65	704	45
“ Möller,	26	—	29	10
“ Jung,	80	—	142	34
“ Schröeter,	172	148	994	14
“ Carpenter,	81	14	196	8
“ Schmucker,	154	17	234	45
“ Lochmann,	125	37	598	21
“ Stanch,	157	62	307	15
“ Schaeffer,	117	26	258	48
“ Rothrauff,	186	59	236	19
“ Gräber,	138	51	344	16
“ Grob,	145	83	413	14
“ Spindler,	49	—	115	10
“ Herbst,	131	54	185	14
“ Geisenheiner,	93	68	503	20
“ Lange,	134	16	159	10
“ Kurtz,	125	28	251	44
“ Hinkel,	113	—	—	8
“ Schulze,	198	65	683	43

The morning session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH, P.M.

After the prayer, a letter from Dr. Kuntze was read. His Reverence informs the Synod of a certain Mr. Ernst who became a Free Mason, and thereby incurred . . . trouble in his congregation.—Also of another minister who since ordination finds his salary entirely inadequate; and the Doctor wishes that he be provided for in Pennsylvania. A third, named Strebeck, at his ordination passed a better examination than the Doctor has ever seen in America; he is a pupil of the Doctor's. This Mr. Strebeck after signing a revers became ungrateful toward his teacher, and committed the sin? of founding an English

Lutheran Congregation and Church in New York? After reading this letter, the Synodical Meeting passed the resolution, that persons who formerly were united with it, and accepted ordination from other parties, are no members of this Ministerium, unless formally received anew.

As it is certain that with the present arrangement of Synod mutual edification had to be neglected (because of lack of time), it was *Resolved*, that in future the preachers shall always meet two days before Sunday, and remain together two days after Sunday, at the place where the Synod is held.

Since a considerable number of the United Congregations and pastors are on the west side of the Susquehanna, and the unity in the Pennsylvania Ministerium must necessarily be maintained, it was resolved, that the Synodical Meeting be held west of the Susquehanna once every three years.

The choice of place was made, and it was decided that the Synodical Meeting for next year shall be held on the Festival of the Trinity, in Lebanon.

The delegates were dismissed, and the Synodical Meeting was closed with prayer.

This evening Mr. Schaeffer preached in the Lutheran church and Mr. Helmuth in Otterbein's.

ACTS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH.

A. M.

A delegate was present from Chambersburg and Shippensburg with a written call from those congregations for Mr. Plitt. The Ministerium gave Mr. Plitt some written questions, with the directions to hand in a written answer in the afternoon.

A certain Mr. Mackard petitioned for admission into the Ministerium. *Resolved*, the Ministerium wishes to have nothing to do with Mr. Mackard, and advises him to return to Germany.

Mr. Heinrich Geisenheiner also petitioned to be admitted. Written questions were given to him also, his answers in writing to be handed in this afternoon.

Licentiate Jäger had sent a writing of excuse to the "Brotherhood," in which the young man quite confidently wishes the "Brotherhood"

much good. But an Easton paper was also shown, in which an angry letter was printed which he had written to two men in his neighborhood. In this indiscreet letter he had appealed to the jurisdiction of the Ministerium, and thus unnecessarily mixed up the Ministerium in the matter. The Ministerium resolved to send him a written rebuke and admonition, which was also prepared and signed by the entire Ministerium. It read as follows: "After deliberation in the Ministerium, we inform you that the Ministerium was disgusted with your improper letter to — Beil and — Scheimer, which was read before it. It is to be regretted that you wish to play the roll of the suffering Christian, yea, even of the hero of the faith, in your unchristian letter, while you do not seem to understand the first principles of Christian character. Do you not know that all hypocrisy, especially also open hypocrisy, is an abomination in the eyes of God? Do you not know that Jesus did not revile when He was reviled? You abuse, revile and slander where you are not reviled, and yet you undertake to preach *His* Gospel! We exhort you to ask God to grant you knowledge of yourself, to your most necessary improvement. You shall and must show fruits of improvement, or the Ministerium cannot retain you as a member. The President expects a written declaration, when you apply for your license, written and signed with your own hand, in which you express regret of your action, and earnestly promise improvement. Without such declaration, the license you have had shall not be continued. It is pity for you—you might be useful, if you could watch over and rule your corrupt self-love. Be converted, poor brother, that your soul may be saved in the day of Jesus Christ."

This session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH, P.M.

Mr. Plitt and Mr. Geisenheiner handed in their answers. They were read. Plitt's were considered fairly good.

Now the question was discussed as to the admission of Mr. Plitt, and appointing him for the congregations in Chambersburg and Shippensburg. Chambersburg had formed an agreement with Licentiate Rothrauff, and he had been empowered by the officers of the Ministerium to serve the congregations until the Synodical Meeting. Then Mr. Plitt arrived—and, because Mr. Rothrauff evidently does not care to pay compliments on the way to Heaven, it seems that he did not possess sufficient refinement for many members. He was set aside and Mr. Plitt was taken in his place. This tyro of a preacher began with sermons against the false prophets. But since little is known in that region of prophets, not to say anything of false prophets, the matter was

misunderstood, and gave offence. Mr. Plitt was reproached with various sentences and phrases, which are reported to have been heard in his sermons; and there may have been people who were not averse to reckon him, with all his zeal, among the false prophets. This condition of affairs caused much anxiety to the Ministerium. But since Mr. Plitt is generally believed to be a capable young man who may become useful, after much deliberation the unanimous decision was finally reached by the Ministerium, that Mr. Plitt shall be authorized by the Ministerium to serve as catechist.—As long as he thus serves in Chambersburg and Shippensburg he shall be under the supervision of Mr. Melsheimer.—He was advised, however, to leave those congregations in case he should be called to New Holland (where Doctor Mühlenberg shall propose him). Then he shall be under the supervision of Dr. Mühlenberg, as a catechist.

The candidates who were present handed in their diaries and sermons. All those who had sent letters of excuse, had also sent their diaries and some sermons, except Messrs. Steck and Benz. These papers were distributed among the ordained preachers, who examined them in the presence of the candidates. They made very good reports concerning them.

This afternoon session was closed with prayer. This evening Mr. Rothrauff preached in the Lutheran Church and Mr. Herbst in Otterbein's.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH, A.M.

Concerning Mr. Heinrich Geisenheiner it was *Resolved*, That he might serve some congregations under the supervision of his brother, on the condition that he shall write a sermon every three months, and (if possible), personally bring it to Philadelphia to Mr. Helmuth or Mr. Schmidt for criticism.

A man, named Carl Andreas Kiernulff, had sent Latin writings, which were full of mistakes. He wished, in case the Ministerium wanted to build up the Kingdom of God, to have Friedrichstown or a still better congregation. According to his manner of speaking, to build the Kingdom of God meant to help him to a rich salary. The Ministerium resolved to have nothing at all to do with this man.

Mrs. Lütge had heard that there was a fund to help preachers' widows. She wrote and asked for a share, beginning at the time when her husband died. Mr. Plitt shall inform her that no such funds exist.

Mr. Heinrich Geisenheiner received a license as catechist for Welsch, Weeping and Upper Dublin in Montgomery County.

Mr. Rothrauff's license was extended to Falling Spring and Scherer's. Mr. Plitt received a license as catechist for Chambersburg and Shippensburg. The license of the remaining candidates were renewed. A

statement of their duties was read to the candidates and catechists, and they bound themselves to fulfill them by giving their hands.

The Ministerium closed its last session for this year with singing of a stanza and with devout prayer. The unfeigned fraternal love which seemed to rule among the pastors—the remarkable hospitality of the congregation at Baltimore—will, it is hoped, remain a blessed memory.

JACOB GOERING,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

1798.

(FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, A.M.).

PROTOCOL OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD IN LEBANON, JUNE 1-4, A.D. 1798.

At 9 o'clock the ministers and delegates assembled in the school-house and the Synod was opened with prayer.

1. THE ORDAINED PREACHERS PRESENT WERE :

- Mr. Wilhelm Kurz, from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
“ Christ. Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken, Pennsylvania.
“ J. C. Henrich Helmuth, Th.D., from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Mr. Friederich Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
“ Henrich Mühlenberg, Th.D., from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
“ Jacob Goering, from Yorktown, Pennsylvania.
“ Heinrich Möller, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
“ Jacob Buskirk, from Macunsky, Pennsylvania.
“ Friedrich Schäfer, from Germantown, Pennsylvania.
“ Friederich Wilhelm Geisenhainer, from New Goshenhoppen, Pennsylvania.
Mr. Daniel Lehman, from Reading, Pennsylvania.
“ C. Friederich Wildbahn, from Reading, Pennsylvania.
“ Paul Hinckel, from Shenandoah, Virginia.

2. THE LICENSED CANDIDATES PRESENT WERE :

- Mr. Joh. Conrad Jäger, from William Township.
“ Joh. Friederich Obenhausen, from Allemingow.
“ George Lochmann, from Lebanon.
“ Joh. Andreas Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
“ George Gräber, from Mitteltown, York County.
“ Joh. Gropp, from Mitteltown, York County.
“ Johannes Volz, from Rackenheim, Virginia.

- Mr. Johann George Schmucker, from Hagerstown, Maryland.
 " Adolph Spindler, from Augusta County, Virginia.
 " Joh. Michael Steck, from Grünsburg.
 " Friedrich Wilhelm Lange, from Berlin.
 " Peter Benz, from Mountjoy.

3. CATECHISTS.

- Mr. Johann Plitt, from Chambersburg.
 " Heinrich Geisenhainer.

4. APPLICANTS.

- Mr. Joh. Georg. Rölller.
 " Wilhelm Forster.

5. DELEGATES WITH CREDENTIALS WERE PRESENT :

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| From Tulpehocken | Mr. Martin Walbom. |
| " Philadelphia | " Peter Kraft. |
| " Lancaster | " Jacob Stahl. |
| " York | " Martin Weiser. |
| " Middletown, Maryland | " Johannes Fassnacht. |
| " Lebanon | " Jacob Stieb. |
| " Dover, York County | " Andreas Stauch. |
| " Greensburg | " Jacob Stroh. |
| " New Goshenhoppen | " Jacob Pickel. |

6. ABSENT ORDAINED PREACHERS WHO SENT LETTERS OF EXCUSE :

Mr. Christian Streit, Daniel Schröter, Valentin Melsheimer, David Jung.

7. ABSENT LICENSED CANDIDATES WHO SENT WRITTEN EXCUSE :

Mr. Johannes Stauch, Johann Rothrauf, Carl Stock [Steck], Johann Herbst.

As officers, were elected: Dr. Mühlenberg, President, and C. Emanuel Schulze, Secretary.

The various papers addressed to the Synod were handed in, and the Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read.

The number of Baptized, Confirmed, Communicants, and Deceased during the last year was reported by the preachers:

	Congregations.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.
Mr. Wilhelm Kurz	As formerly	—	—	—	—
" Emanuel Schulze	As before	197	956	776	47
Philadelphia	As before	307	107	1023	229

	Congregations.	Bap- tized.	Con- firm'd.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceas'd.
Cohensy		56	—	45	—
Mr. Mühlenberg		197	52	606	39
“ Möller	Langstaufer's	262	116	292	42
	Schwaben Crik				
	Mahanai				
	Leickensthal, besides the former				
“ Schmucker	As before	138	60	324	45
“ Hinkel	As before	97	48	—	9
“ Jäger	Springfield, besides the former	112	32	432	?
“ Frd. Geisenhainer		136	111	768	53
“ Schröter		200	86	944	26
“ Schäfer		55	21	201	33
“ Obenhausen	Heidelberg, besides the former	87	71	1107	31
“ Melsheimer		175	84	435	17
“ Lochmann		141	28	494	59
“ Gräber		120	87	487	20
“ Grob		141	38	744	23
“ Folz		147	93	353	10
“ Spindler		35	21	130	5
“ Steck		335	67	333	37
“ Plitt		66	25	47	14
“ Rothrauf		115	63	223	21
“ Lange		180	113	279	16

From Johnstown letters were handed in, in which they requested that they might be given assistance in their sad condition, according to the promise made last year. Whereupon it was resolved to refer the matter to a committee, which should report upon it. To this committee were chosen Rev. Mr. Möller, — Kraft, Stahl. These were charged to report this afternoon, after having heard the case from both sides.

From Mr. Jäger's congregations a letter was read, in which they excused themselves for not sending a delegate to the Synod. Springfield requested to be served by Mr. Jäger. Thereupon it was resolved that Mr. Jäger might accept the congregation and serve it.

The forenoon session was closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, P.M.

Opened with prayer.

In reference to a communication from several Reformed members in Dover, York County, the Synod resolved: The Lutherans in Dover are to be advised to permit the Reformed to allow any preacher who is a member of the Reformed Ministerium, or is recommended by a member of the same, to hold services in the church, with the understanding that the same liberty be granted by the Reformed, that any preacher who is a member of the Lutheran Ministerium, or is recommended by a member of the same, may hold service in the church.

Further, that this agreement be confirmed by the signatures of all the members of both congregations, and be regarded as a necessary addition to their Constitution, and, on the other hand, that the 4th and 5th Articles shall be altered and annulled.

Further, that a copy of this shall be given to both parties.

The committee concerning Johnstown made a report, in which they advised that, because they could not think that Rev. Mr. Kurz would be able to restore union, it might be best if the congregation, after it had come to terms with Mr. Jacinsky, and he had left the congregation, would apply to Rev. Mr. Lochmann to be served by him. Whereupon it was resolved to accept this proposition, and advise Mr. Lochmann to accept this congregation, but not to accept Klopp's Church.

From Penn's Valley, in Northumberland County, came a paper, in which they report the lamentable depravity of their preacher, and request to have their district supplied with another preacher who has the salvation of immortal souls at heart. They were answered in writing, that Mr. Espich was no longer recognized as a member of the Ministerium, and that the congregations might apply to any preacher in the Ministerium by whom they wish and can hope to be served.

The congregations at Abbotstown requested that they might be served by Mr. Gropp. Their desire was granted.

Hereupon the session was closed with prayer. In the evening Mr. Spindler preached on Acts 3:19, 20.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, A.M.

Opened with prayer.

A letter from Abbotstown was handed in, in which several members of the congregation report, that after Mr. Schröter had consented to serve them for another year, the church was closed to him. A member of the Ministerium was commissioned to request Pastor Schröter to permit Mr. Gropp to serve the congregation, with which all members of the Ministerium present were satisfied.

Hereupon Millerstown, in Macunsky, was appointed as the place where the Synodical Meeting should be held next year, and that the meeting should begin on the Festival of the Trinity; and that, therefore, the resolution made at Baltimore to be present on the Friday preceding be annulled. The delegates were then dismissed after the session was closed with prayer.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Several hours were devoted to this on Saturday forenoon.

The candidates who were present handed in their licenses, journals, and sermons, which were distributed among the ordained preachers for examination.

Indianfield, Altgoshenhoppen and Tohecken requested that Mr. Röller be received into the Ministerium, and at the same time gave a good testimonial respecting his life. For this purpose it was resolved to examine Mr. Röller.

Likewise, several congregations in Shenandoah County requested that Mr. Wilhelm Forster be received as a member, that he might fill the office of pastor among them. It was resolved to examine him also. A conversation was had with him before the afternoon meeting, and various questions put to him.

As request was also made from Chambersburg and Shippenstown that Mr. Plitt be advanced so that he might administer the Lord's Supper, it was also agreed to examine him.

SATURDAY, P.M.

After Mr. Plitt and Mr. Röller had translated several verses from the Greek Testament, several written questions were handed them to be answered. After a few hours they brought in their answers, and also a brief disquisition on John 3:36.

After the answers had been examined, the session was closed with prayer.

In the evening, Mr. Schmucker, from Hagerstown, preached on Prov. 5: 6.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3D, A. M.

Soon after 9 o'clock, the preachers and the delegates of the several congregations went to the old church, and thence to the new church to consecrate it.

President Mühlberg, having with a solemn prayer at the altar consecrated this church to be a house of salvation, preached the consecration sermon on Gal. 6: 15, 16. In the afternoon, Dr. Helmuth preached on Ps. 68: 27; in the evening, P. Schmidt on Gen. 4: 4.

MONDAY, JUNE 4TH.

After the service, at which P. Goering preached, the Ministerial Meeting was continued.

P. Wildbahn announced, that he had given up the Friedrichstown congregation, and handed in a letter from that congregation, in which they not only report his resignation, and that they have written to P. Storck in Carolina, in order to have him serve their congregation, but also request that we should assist them by visiting and preaching for them, until their congregation is again supplied. Thereupon it was *Resolved*, to report to them, that we would assist them.

The Mandatorii (Attorneys) of Director Schulze of the Orphan House in Halle distributed to the preachers present, and the widow of the deceased Mr. Lütge, seventy-one dollars interest of the Rödelheim legacy, making £26, 12 sh., 6 d. Of this, each preacher received two dollars, and the widow of Mr. Lütge, eleven dollars.

Hereupon, the session was closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON.

Session was again opened with prayer.

Concerning Mr. Endress, who lives in Philadelphia and preaches in Frankford, it was decided that, if he appears before Dr. Mühlenberg, and Messrs. Schäfer and Schulze for examination, he shall, if they see fit, be granted a license.

Thereupon it was approved, that Mr. Plitt and Mr. Forster, because of their remoteness from ordained preachers, shall have licenses as candidates, and Mr. Röller as catechist, under the supervision of Mr. Fr. Geisenhainer.

These licenses they then received from the President, after they had been admonished of their duties, and had promised to fulfill the same. Mr. Diehl also again received his license. After the licenses of the other candidates were also renewed, the Ministerial Meeting of this time was ended with earnest prayer and the singing of a stanza of a hymn.

In the evening, Rev. Mr. Schäfer, from Germantown, preached.

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG,

P. t. President.

CHRIST. EMANUEL SCHULZE,

P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

1799.

PROTOCOL OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD IN LANCASTER, MAY 19-21, ANNO DOMINI, 1799.

On the day preceding May 17th, a number of the members of the Rev. Ministerium arrived.

On May 18th, the Festival of the Trinity, they went to church, where Dr. Helmuth preached an edifying sermon on I Sam. 3 : 1. In the afternoon, Emanuel Schulze preached on Heb. 12 : 14, and in the evening P. Schmidt on Acts 3 : 37.

On Monday, the 19th, Pastor Daniel Kurz preached in the forenoon, on I Pet. 1 : 17. After the sermon, the preachers and the delegates of the congregations went to the school-house, where the Synodical Meeting was begun with prayer.

The following preachers were present :

1. Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
2. Dr. Helmuth,
3. Mr. Friedrich Schmidt, } from Philadelphia.
4. " Friederich Wildbahn, from Rockland.
5. " Henrich Möller, from Harrisburg.
6. " Jacob Göring, from Yorktown.
7. " Daniel Lehman, from Reading.
8. " Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.
9. " Friederich Schäfer, from Germantown.
10. " Dr. Henrich Mühlenberg, *pastor loci*.
11. " Valentine Melsheimer, from Hanover.
12. " Friedrich Geisenhainer, from Goshenhoppen.
13. " Joh. David Jung, from Martinsburg.

LICENSED CANDIDATES.

1. Mr. Joh. Conrad Jäger, from William's Township.
2. " George Lochmann, from Lebanon.
3. " Joh. George Schmucker, from Hagerstown.

4. Mr. Joh. Caspar Diehl, from Jordan.
5. " Peter Benz, from Cocalico.
6. " Joh. Friedrich Obenhausen, from Weisenburg.
7. " Joh. Andreas Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
8. " Johannes Rothrauff, from Green Castle.
9. " Johannes Herbst, from Carlisle.
10. " Johannes Plitt, from New Holland.

CATECHISTS PRESENT.

1. Mr. Heinrich Gaisenhainer, from Whitepene.
2. " Joh. George Röller, from Indianfield.

DELEGATES WITH CREDENTIALS.

From Tulpehocken, Mr. Leonhardt Immel.

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| " Philadelphia, | } | Mr. Peter Kraft. |
| | | " Conrad Haass. |
| " Lancaster, | } | " Michael Moser. |
| | | " Melchor Rudesiehl. |
| " Yorktown, | | Mr. Peter Diehl. |
| " Martinsburg, Va., | | Mr. Nicolaus Streber. |
| " Lebanon, | | Mr. Henrich Gilbert. |
| " Green Castle, | | Mr. Johannes Krämer. |
| " Carlisle, | | Mr. Martinus Ritsch. |
| " New Holland, | | Peter Diller. |

Absent ordained preachers, who excused themselves :

1. Mr. Ludwig Voigt ; 2. Mr. Wilhelm Kurz, Johnstown ; 3. Mr. Jacob Buskirk, Macunshy ; 4. Mr. Christian Streit ; 5. Mr. Wilhelm Carpenter, Culpepper, Virginia ; 6. Mr. Paul Hinkel, Shenandoah, Virginia ; 7. Mr. Daniel Schröter, without excuse.

Absence licensed candidates who excused themselves in writing :

1. Johannes Gropp, from Dover ; 2. Carl Stock, Picket Mountain, without excuse ; 3. Wilhelm Lange, Berlin, without excuse ; 4. — Stauch, without excuse.

As officers were elected : Dr. Mühlenberg, President ; and C. Immanuel Schulze, Secretary.

Thereupon the papers addressed to the Synod were handed in, and the Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read.

The preachers handed in the number of baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased in their congregations, as follows :

	Congregations.	Baptisms.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.
Emanuel Schulze, as- sisted by his son . }	As before	195	132	929	42
Philadelphia		—	—	—	—
H. Mühlenberg		178	48	533	37
Schäfer		82	21	185	31
Möller	10 congregations .	158	22	390	17
Fr. Geisenhainer		104	42	432	26
Jäger		127	104	629	16
Lochmann		163	37	631	54
Schmucker		150	40	198	30
Dill	Jordan, Junians, } Indianfield . }	61	63	549	7
Jung		109	30	172	28
Benz [Pens]		—	—	—	—
Obenhausen		105	91	1305	43
Rothrauff		127	53	305	14
Herbst		198	54	268	26
Plitt	Holland and Al- } legheny . . }	36	28	138	5
Steck		162	45	340	15
Hr. Geisenhainer		24	—	94	6
Röller		—	—	—	—
Stauch		181	103	200	23
Carpenter		93	28	204	23
Kurz		86	42	256	37

The morning session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, MAY 19TH, P.M.

In the afternoon a communication from Penns and Brosche Valley was read; they asked for a preacher; whereupon it was resolved, that they shall before long be visited by Rev. Mr. Melsheimer, whose advice they may follow.

The people from Marck's requested that they be permitted to call Mr. Gropp as their preacher; thereupon it was decided to answer them: that, as the Synodical Meeting shall next time be held on the west side of the Susquehanna, the affairs of the congregations at Abbotstown and of Marck's be postponed until that time; in the meantime the members of said congregations shall be at liberty in case of funerals and other cases of real necessity, to apply to the neighboring preachers.

Upon the request of the Carlisle congregation, that they might be

served more frequently by Mr. Herbst, and that he be therefore advised to give up the so-called York congregation, it was, resolved, that it be left to Mr. Herbst to do as he considered best.

The two congregations of Scherers and Falling Spring, which desire to be served by Mr. Rothrauff, received the consent of the Synod in this matter.

Likewise the desire of the "Druckenländer," in Nazareth Township, who requested to be served by Mr. Jäger, was granted.

Since P. Voigt announced that because of his advancing age he desired to lay down his office, and that two delegates from Pikesland would request to be served by another preacher, it was resolved, to answer the delegates, that the Synod has so much confidence in its old and worthy member, Voigt, that they would do well to use his advice in this matter, and let him propose a preacher to them.

Hereupon McAllister [~~Carlisle stricken out~~] was appointed as the place where the Synodical Meeting shall be held next year, and that it shall begin on Trinity Sunday.

The Synodical Meeting was closed with prayer.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

This was begun with prayer on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

As Mr. Röller and Henrich Gaisenhainer made request for a full license, it was resolved to examine them. After they had been examined their desire was granted.

Hereupon a letter, in which Mr. Sparke requests to be admitted into the Ministerium, was read. The decision was reached that Mr. Ludolph Sparke be treated in a friendly manner by us; but that he needs to be further examined as to his life before being admitted.

The papers which Mr. Jasinsky brought along with reference to his reception into the Ministerium were also read. After the question had been put in this matter, the majority were agreed in this: That, if he present himself for examination and renounce the ordination which he had wrongly received, a full license shall be given him.

Concerning Mr. Flors, who requested to be received, it was resolved, after he had been examined by Dr. Helmuth and Pastor Goering, that he be granted a full license as candidate.

The candidates and catechists handed in their licenses, sermons and diaries. These sermons were read in part one after the other (Stückweise) and admonitions given according to circumstances.

Dr. Helmuth and Pastor Schmidt as mandatorii (attorneys) of Director Schulze in Halle in reference to the Rödelheim legacy, distributed £46 17s. 6d. among twenty-five preachers, so that each received five dollars. And to Mr. Wilhelm Kurz, because of his need, £7 15s. was sent from the same legacy.

This session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST, P. M.

After prayer the licenses of the candidates were renewed.

Messrs. Röller, Gaisenhainer and Jasinsky were admonished of their duties, and after they had promised to fulfill them, their licenses were handed to them.

After discussing various cases of conscience in pastoral work, the present Ministerial Meeting was closed with an earnest prayer by the President, and the singing of a stanza of a hymn.

In the evening Mr. Friederich Geisenhainer preached.

CHR. EMANUEL SCHULZE,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

1800.

PROTOCOL OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT McALLISTER, JUNE 9TH AND 10TH, 1800.

Most of the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium assembled in McAllister [Hanover, York Co.] on June 7th.

JUNE 8TH.

Being the Festival of the Holy Trinity, one part went to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, where President Mühlenberg preached in the forenoon on II Tim. 4: 1-4; in the afternoon Mr. Schmucker preached. The other part went to the Reformed Church, where Pastor Kurz, from Baltimore, preached in the forenoon and Mr. Stauch in the afternoon.

JUNE 9TH, A. M.

The ministers and delegates present assembled in Mr. Melsheimer's parsonage, and the Synod was opened with prayer.

1. The ordained preachers present were :

Dr. Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.

Mr. Emanuel Schulze, from Tulpehocken.

“ Friedrich Wildbahn, from Merz Church, Amity Township and Spyse Church.

Mr. Friedrich Melzheimer, from McAllister.

“ Daniel Schröter, from McAllister.

“ David Jung, from Martinsburg, in Virginia.

“ Christian Streit, from Millerstown, in Virginia.

“ Wilhelm Carpenter, from Culpepper, in Virginia.

“ Paul Hinkel, from Stenton, in Virginia.

“ Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.

2. Candidates present were :

Mr. George Lochmann, from Lebanon.

“ Joh. George Schmucker, from Hagerstown, Maryland.

“ Joh. Conrad Jäger, from Williams Township.

- Mr. Andreas Schulze, from Tulpehocken.
 " Joh. Rothrauf, from Greencastle.
 " Joh. Herbst, from Carlisle.
 " Joh. Plitt, from New Holland.
 " Joh. Stauch, from Redstone.
 " Joh. Grob, Paradise Township.
 " Adolph Spindler, in Virginia.
 " Friederich Jasinsky, from Chambersburg.
 " George Gräber, from Mitteltown, [Md.]
 " Wilhelm Forster, from Hacksbill.
 " Joh. Folz, from Rackenheim.
 " George Flohr, Read Creek.

3. Delegates with credentials were present :

- From Lancaster, Michael Moser.
 " Tulpehocken, Joh. Nicolaus Killmer.
 " McAllister, George Carl.
 Regarding Mr. Schröter, Philip Wohlfarth.
 From Stenton, Conrad Reinecker.
 " Lebanon, George Reinöhl.
 " Williams Township, Caspar Ritter.
 " Hagerstown, Carl Gelwicks.
 " Greencastle, Dewald Meng.
 " Carlisle, Joh. Gräber.
 " Paradise Township, George Michael Miller.
 " Chambersburg, Joh. Heck.
 " Mitteltown, Dr. Henrich Gallman.
 " Hacksbill, George Prinz.

4. Absent ordained preachers who sent excuses : Dr. Helmuth, Mr. Fr. Schmidt, from Philadelphia ; Mr. Schäfer, from Germantown ; Mr. Henrich Möller, from Harrisburg ; Mr. Jacob Göring, from Yorktown, sick.

Without excuse : Mr. Lehman, in Reading ; Mr. Jacob Buskirk ; Mr. Fried. Geisenhainer.

5. ABSENT CATECHISTS.—Wilhelm Lange, excused ; Joh. George Röllner, excused ; Dill, satisfactory excuse ; Peter Pens, excused ; Heinrich Geisenhainer, not excused ; Joh. Fried. Obenhausen, not excused.

As officers, the following were again elected : Dr. Mühlenberg, President, and C. Emanuel Schulze, Secretary.

The papers addressed to the Synod were handed in, and the Protocol of last year's meeting was read.

The number of baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased was reported by the preachers.

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deceased.
Dr. Mühlenberg	169	73	535	43
Emanuel Schulze, together with his son	213	82	808	46
Lochmann ¹	227	72	591	40
Schmucker	120	40	243	17
Jung	70	26	146	29
Carpenter	109	13	147	9
Jäger	148	62	652	30
Rothrauf	165	36	363	14
Herbst	225	95	298	18
Plitt	83	74	471	13
Stauch	116	—	266	14
Grob	92	32	307	24
Spindler	108	34	180	—
Lange	99	75	236	7
Jasinsky	122	47	287	19
Graeber	131	72	591	40
Foster, two years	120	103	570	—
Fols, two years	162	46	424	12
Flohr	89	54	189	8
Röller	71	49	355	30

[No statistics from] Revs. Helmuth and Schmidt, Schäfer, Melsheimer, Schröter, Streit, Kurz, F. Geisenhainer, Obenhausen, Penn's.

Hereupon the papers from Penn's Valley and five other congregations were read; they asked for a preacher, and promised to make up £140 for his salary. The delegates were informed that answer would be made them this afternoon or to-morrow morning.

Further, a letter was read from Marck's congregation, which requests to be served. The motion was made, that, since the congregation has been left by its former preacher, it be permitted to take Mr. Grob as its preacher.

Besides these, the letter of the Abbotstown congregations was read; they desire to be served by Mr. Grob.

Whereupon it was resolved: If any agreement can be made concerning Mr. Schröter and these congregations, it shall be done by a committee.

Mr. Schmidt, from Easttown, reported that they were satisfied with their preacher.

¹ As last year, seven congregations.

Conrad Richmann, who resides not far from Yorktown, petitioned to be received into the Ministerium. He was instructed to appear at the Ministerial Meeting.

Wilhelm Illgen, who has thus far been schoolmaster in the Cohensie congregation, requested to be received into the Ministerium, brought testimonials concerning his character and life, and was directed to report at the Ministerial Meeting.

From Albenual a communication was also read, in which they request that Mr. Fols, a brother of the candidate, be granted permission to baptize children.

Through a committee on improving the state of affairs in the Abbotstown congregation it was resolved, 1, That it is very wrong and un-Christian arbitrarily to close the church to any preacher of the Gospel, and therefore the conduct against Rev. Schröter, in Abbotstown, is disapproved; 2. But since, as it seems, the congregations cannot be united unless they hold another free election of a preacher, such free election for any preacher in the Ministerium is recommended to the regular congregations, without injury to the union which has existed for years between the Conewago congregation and Abbotstown.

The choice of the place and time for the Synodical Meeting next year was then made. Philadelphia, and the Festival of the Trinity, were chosen.

Hereupon the delegates were dismissed, and the Synodical Meeting closed with prayer.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

This was begun with prayer, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Sebastian Folz and Conrad Richmann reported, to be received by the Ministerium as catechists. A passage was given to Sebastian Folz to be written out (ein Spruch wegen des Schreibens vorgelegt), and a sermon written by C. Richmann was read.

The candidates handed in their sermons and diaries.

Revs. Mr. Melsheimer, Kurz and Jung were appointed to examine Messrs. Illgen and Miller.

The young ministers were advised in reference to the conduct of their office.

Thereupon the session was closed with prayer.

EVENING, 7-10 O'CLOCK.

The sermons handed in by the candidates were gone over.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8-12.

The sermons were handed back to the candidates, with the necessary annotations and instructions.

A sermon by Mr. Plitt, as also one sent by Mr. Röller, was read. The sermons by Mr. Lochmann, Jäger, Schmucker and Schulze gave satisfaction.

Dr. Kunze's letter, concerning Mr. Wigand, was read, and, resolved, that Dr. Mühlenberg shall answer it.

Concerning Rev. Mr. Jung, it was resolved, that, on his journey homeward, he should stop in Danytown, and that he be recommended to that congregation as a suitable person to serve it.

AFTERNOON, SOON AFTER 2 O'CLOCK.

Service was held in the Lutheran Church. After Mr. Jäger had preached a sermon, the four candidates, Lochmann, Jäger, Schmucker and Schulze, received ordination.

Hereupon the *pastor loci*, offered prayer, thanked the members of the Ministerium for the kindness shown to the people of McAllister, and commended them to the gracious protection of our faithful Shepherd, Jesus.

That the above all happened thus, we witness.

C. EMANUEL SCHULZE,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

1801.

(SUNDAY, MAY 31st.)

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, MAY 31, AND JUNE 1 AND 2, A.D. 1801.

In the forenoon Dr. Mühlenberg preached in Zion's Church, and Mr. Obenhaus in St. Michael's. In the afternoon Pastor Lochmann preached in Zion's, and Mr. Jasinsky in St. Michael's. In the evening Dr. Kunze preached in Zion.

MONDAY, JUNE 1, A.M.

At nine o'clock the ministers and delegates assembled (in Zion's Church) and the Synod was opened with prayer. Ministers present were :

1. ORDAINED PREACHERS.

- Mr. Emanuel Schulze, Senior Ministerii, from Tulpehocken, Penna.
“ Henrich Helmuth, Theol. Dr., } from Philadelphia.
“ Friedrich Schmidt, }
“ Johann C. Kunze, Th. Dr., from New York.
“ Henrich Mühlenberg, Th. Dr., from Lancaster.
“ Jacob Göring, from Yorktown, Pennsylvania.
“ Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore, Maryland.
“ Daniel Lehman, from Misillum, Pennsylvania.
“ Henrich Möller, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
“ Friedrich D. Schäfer, from Germantown, Pennsylvania.
“ George Lochmann, from Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
“ Conrad Jäger, from Williams Township, Pennsylvania.
“ Friedrich Geisenheiner, from Falckner Schwaum, Pennsylvania.

2. LICENSED CANDIDATES.

- Mr. Christian Endress, from Philadelphia.
“ Joh. G. Röller, from Indianfield, Pennsylvania.
“ Heinrich Geisenheiner, from Chester County, Pennsylvania.
“ Peter Benz, from Cocalico.

Mr. Johann Herbst, from Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

“ Friedrich Obenhauss, from Weisenburg, Pennsylvania.

“ Wilh. Forster, from Shenandoah, Virginia.

“ Friedrich Jasinsky, from Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

“ Carl Stock, from Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

3. DELEGATES WITH WRITTEN CREDENTIALS.

Mr. Peter Kraft and Conrad Haas, from Philadelphia.

“ Johann Altimus, from Germantown.

“ P Gärtner, from Yorktown.

“ Jacob Spang, from Tulpehocken.

“ Peter Saurwein, from Baltimore.

“ J. Imboden, from Lebanon.

“ Casper Ritter, from Williams Township.

“ Philip König, from Pikeland, Chester County.

As officers were elected: Pastor Schmidt, President; Fr. D. Schäfer, Secretary.

Absent Ministers were: 1. Those who excused themselves—Friedrich V. Melsheimer, orally and in writing; Joh. Andr. Schulze, orally; Wilhelm Ilgen, orally; Johannes Rothrauf, in writing, because of the great distance; Daniel Schröder, in writing; Johann Grob, because of sickness; George Flohr, in writing; Paul Hinckel, —; Johann Plitt, because of the consecration of a Reformed Church.

2. Who did not excuse themselves: C. Friedrich Wildbahn, Caspar Dill, Christian Streit, Adolph Spindler, David Jung, Wilhelm Carpenter, George Schmucker, Sebastian Foltz, George Gräber, Friedrich Lange, Johann Stauch, Joh. Michael Steck.

The various papers which were received were handed in, and the Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read.

Then those members who were absent last time without sufficient excuse were admonished by the President.

Letters from the congregation in New Hanover and that in Newgoshenhoppen were read; they testify to their satisfaction with their pastor, and beg to be excused for not sending a delegate.

A similar letter from Mr. Röller's congregations on the Tohick and Indianfield.

A letter from four congregations in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, was read; they testify to their satisfaction with Mr. Steck, and beg that his absence be excused, because of sickness.

Reports of special meetings were not received.

1. A letter from the congregation (Zion's Church) in Shenandoah

County, Virginia, was read, in which they ask for a faithful minister; also promising gladly to contribute towards his support, besides giving him a free dwelling and forty acres of land for his use. (This free and voluntary promise saves much time which would have been lost, if the Church Council would first have to find out what could be done) (wegen des sondirens ihres Kirchenraths).

Hereupon it was resolved, that said congregation at the Zion's Church be advised to use the services of Mr. Forster.

This resolution was written out in the name of the Ministerium, with the hearty wish for the welfare (Seelenheil) of the congregation.

2. A letter from the congregation in Easton [Penna.] was read, in which they deplore the decline of their congregation, and express the sincere desire to be supplied with a pastor from the Ministerium; especially since their present preacher, Mr. August Schmidt has resigned, and will leave by the end of November.

The Ministerium deliberated upon this matter. Mr. Abraham Bachmann, a delegate from Easton, orally confirmed the contents of the letter, so also Rev. A. Schmidt, in reference to his resignation, which is to take effect at the end of November.

It was believed that Easton (near which are two or three vacant congregations) could in time become one of the main congregations of our Evangelical Church. It was then

Resolved, That the congregation at Easton be advised to apply to any preacher of the Ministerium, and if they desired, call him as their pastor.

This resolution was put into writing to be sent to the said congregation.

The forenoon session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST, P.M.

Opened with prayer.

3. A letter from the congregation in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, was read, in which they ask for a pastor, stating that they would have done this two years ago, had not Mr. Stock come to them with recommendations from a member of the Ministerium, and they then received him as pastor; but as he has now left them, they ask for a faithful, worthy pastor, for whose support they and the neighboring congregations will provide. The Ministerium commits these congregations to the care of the Great Shepherd, and wishes that they could be supplied with a faithful pastor. [This writing, No. 3, was answered.]

4. A letter from the Zion's church in Vincent was read. This congregation and St. Peter's church in Pikeland were served by P. Voigt as their common pastor, almost until his death, and since the

church property and parsonage belong to these two congregations, the faithful members desire that they might together be served by a peace-loving, prudent and unblamable pastor, such as Mr. Voigt was. Hereupon it was resolved, that Dr. Helmuth and Dr. Mühlenberg, as preachers, and Messrs. Kraft, Altimus and Bachman, as delegates, be a committee to investigate the affairs of both congregations, and report.

After investigation and consideration of the condition of Zion's and St. Peter's churches in Chester County, the committee made a proposition, which was unanimously approved.

The Ministerium proposes that both congregations have several of the preachers of the Ministerium preach for them, and then according to the charter of the congregations, after due notice, arrange an election in common, and in peace and unity accepting any one of those rightly elected as their pastor.

This proposition, together with an admonition to love and concord, was put into writing and sent to said congregations.

5. A letter from the congregation in Reading was read, and thereupon resolved, that the congregation be advised to apply to any preacher of the Ministerium, and, if found satisfactory, call him to be their pastor.

6. A letter from the congregations at Emmetstown and on Thomas' Creek, was read, and thereupon resolved, that Dr. Mühlenberg prepare the answer to them; which was done.

7. A letter from Middletown, Elizabethtown and Maytown was read, in which they ask for a preacher.

8. A letter from Martinsburg, Shepherdsburg and Schmidtfield was read, in which they request that Mr. Jasinsky might be appointed their preacher.

This session was closed with prayer at six o'clock.

In the evening Friedrich D. Schafer preached in St. Michael's.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2D, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the session was opened with prayer in Zion's church.

Concerning No. 8, it was resolved, that Mr. Jasinsky accept (if he desire) the call to said congregations.

9. Two letters concerning Mr. Jasinsky. The one from the Church Council in Chambersburg, saying that they had been compelled to dismiss Mr. Jasinsky, because they could no longer collect the salary promised him. The other, from the Church Council at Shippensburg, of similar contents, with the addition that the separation from the Scherer's and Fallen Spring congregations is the reason for Mr. Jasinsky's dismissal.

Resolved, The Ministerium considers it best if Chambersburg, Ship-

pensburg and Scherer's congregations unite and remain united. In case the present preacher, Jasinsky, be not received in the three congregations, the Ministerium advises that the congregations call an entirely new preacher.

This resolution shall be communicated to the congregations and to both preachers Rothrauff and Jasinsky.

10. A letter from the Church Council of the congregation in Macungie, in which the Ministerium is requested to approve the election of Mr. Obenhausen as preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Obenhausen be granted permission to accept the congregation in Macungie, until a change be considered advisable.

11. A letter from Fantz Valley was read, in which they request that Mr. Herbst might hold service for them every four weeks.

12. A letter from Christ church, in Beaver Township, Salem's-Raus, Selinsgrove, Mohr's and Bauerman's churches was read, requesting that Mr. Herbst be appointed pastor for said congregations, if he consents.

Resolved, The Synod grants Mr. Herbst permission to accept the said Christ Church and the congregations united with it—excepting however, the Derstown and Dreisbach Churches, and serve them as teacher and pastor, if he desired.

The reports of the baptized, etc., as handed in are as follows:

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.
Dr. Helmuth, } from Philadelphia, . . .	304	101	800	187
Mr. Schmidt, }				
“ Schulze, Sen., from Tulpehocken, . . .	216	179	1103	41
Dr. Mühlenberg, from Lancaster, . . .	135	59	450	35
Mr. Göring, from Yorktown,	—	—	—	—
“ Möller, from Harrisburg,	102	21	152	27
“ Kurz, from Baltimore,	102	45	198	101
“ Schäfer, from Germantown,	103	27	214	45
“ Lehman, from Mesillum,	—	—	—	—
“ Lochmann, from Lebanon,	137	86	748	68
“ Fr. Geisenheiner, from New Hanover, 78		47	409	26
“ Jäger, from Williams Township, . . .	126	115	589	27
“ Obenhaus, from Grünitsch, etc., . . .	312	99	1407	41
“ Röller, from Tohickon,	83	64	314	23
“ H. Geisenheiner, from Chester Co., . .	36	26	106	10
“ Forster, from Shenandoah,	43	49	184	—
“ Herbst, from Carlisle,	192	81	298	28
“ Endress, Ffurt. [Frankfurt], etc., . .	96	6	103	—

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.
Mr. Jasinsky, from Chambersburg, . . .	86	21	112	25
" Bens, from Cocalico,	—	—	—	—
" Schroeder,	160	76	660	15
" Rothrauff, from Green Castle, . . .	101	42	273	20
" Lange, from Berlin,	170	98	201	35
" G. Flohr, from Wythe, Virginia (four schools),	108	28	86	12
" Steg, [Steck] from Greensburg, . .	174	77	928	17
" from Welchtown,	—	—	—	—
" Möller, from Friedrichsstadt, . . .	71	28	68	24
" Melsheimer,	—	—	—	—
" Wildbahn,	—	—	—	—

Hereupon the choice of the place and time, where and when the next annual Synodical Meeting shall be held, was made. The votes were unanimous for Reading, and as usual on the Festival of the Trinity.

The delegates were dismissed and the Synodical Meeting closed with prayer.

MINISTERIAL MEETING,

TUESDAY, JUNE 2D, 1801.

The session was opened with prayer at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in Zion's Church.

The candidates handed in their journals and sermons.

The President named several ordained preachers as a committee to examine the writings handed in.

A man named Daniel Schäfer presented himself, and requested to be received into the Ministerium. An essay written by him was read, and several questions were put to him. He stated that he was ignorant of the ancient languages, but that he had been able to speak with the inhabitants of the harbors into which he had come, in several modern languages, *e. g.*, Spanish, Portuguese, etc., etc.

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Schäfer, who has applied to the Ministerium for admission to the pastoral office, and has presented an essay as evidence of his qualifications, be advised to apply to one of the ordained preachers, and use his instructions for some time, and that he shall then be permitted to present himself again to the Ministerium for examination.

This resolution was communicated to him in writing.

The Rev. Pastor Emanuel Schulz was then elected Senior of the Ministerium.

Letters directed to the Ministerial Meeting were as follows :

One from Mr. Paul Hinkel, from Guilford County, North Carolina, in which he reports, how he found people in great ignorance,—the form of Christianity was still to be found,—he hopes that he shall not work in vain, especially with the youth.

A letter from the widow of the late Mr. C. Lütge, in which she asks for assistance. Pastor Philip Stock, of Chambersburg, in a letter to a member of the Ministerium (P. Göring), gives a good testimonial concerning her life ; but also states that she is in need.

Mr. Ilgen's congregations, Penn's Valley, Brush, Lang's, Jungman's, Early's and Meetinghouse, in a letter, express their heartfelt gratitude, that the Ministerium gave them Mr. Ilgen, whom they praise very highly for his integrity.

The letters concerning Rev. Mr. Schröder remained unread, as also a letter from Mr. Hong, who brings nine charges against Mr. Herbst.

After the Ministerium had spent most of this afternoon in consideration and deliberation as to whether Special or District Conferences were to be held, and was convinced of their necessity and usefulness for the advancement of God's Kingdom and our Evangelical Church, it was finally decided and resolved, to divide our United Congregations into the following districts, in which a special meeting shall be held at least once a year at the places herein appointed.

Resolved, That the congregations here mentioned and those united with them, are divided into the following districts :

Districts :

1. Philadelphia, Germantown, Frankfurt, Cohenszy, North Wales, New Hanover, Pottsgrove, Vincent, Old and New Goshenhoppen.
2. Easton, Macungie, Saucon, Whitehead, Mesillum, Weisenburg.
3. Lancaster, New Holland, Manheim, Reading, Tulpehocken, Lebanon and Harrisburg.
4. Yorktown, McAllister's, Taneytown, Paradise and Carlisle.
5. Baltimore, Friedrichsstadt, Hagerstown, Green Castle and Chambersburg.
6. Western District.
7. Virginia.

Resolved, That the members of the First District hold their Special Meeting on Thursday, October 29th, at Germantown ; the members of the Second District shall hold their Special Meeting on the first Wednesday in November ; that the members of the Third District hold their Special Meeting in Lancaster, on the first Wednesday in October ; that the members of the Fourth District hold their Special Meeting . . . that the members of the Fifth District hold their Special Meeting

in Baltimore, on the second Wednesday in October; that the members of the Sixth District . . . that the members from Virginia . . .

About 6 o'clock the session was closed with prayer.

In the evening, Pastor Göring, from Yorktown, preached in Zion's Church, on I Pet. 4: 18.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the session was again opened with prayer in Zion's Church.

The sermons of the candidates were read in part, and accompanied with remarks for the improvement of the understanding and the hearts of the writers. Mr. C. Obenhaus had neglected (without sufficient reason) to give the President of the Ministerium a sermon. Mr. Röller's was criticised, and he was told that if he continued to be diligent he might become a useful member. Several passages in Mr. Forster's journal were criticised. Mr. H. Geisenheiner, Mr. Herbst and Mr. Jasinsky read parts of their sermons, which were criticised. Candidate Endres read a well-prepared sermon, which shows sufficiently that he exerts himself to grow in the knowledge of divine truth, and that he is able, also, to communicate it to others.

The licenses of the following candidates were renewed until the Synod of 1802: Messrs. Endres, Lange, Berlin, Somerset County; Mr. Jasinsky's, Mr. Steg's, Greensburg; Mr. Grob's, Paradise; Mr. Obenhausen's, Mr. Herbst's, Carlisle; Mr. Plitt's, New Holland; Mr. Stock's, Sunbury, Catawissa and Folmer's Church; Mr. Fosters's, Mr. Röller's, Indianfield; Mr. H. Geisenheiner's, Nicen's Church [Nice].

Concerning Mr. Endres, it was unanimously

Resolved, That Candidate Endres, after being examined, shall be ordained at the next Synodical Meeting in Reading, if at that time he is serving congregations united with us.

Rev. Mr. Schmidt, from Easton, made application to be received into the Ministerium. His application was considered with a good deal of hesitation.

At 1 o'clock the session was closed with prayer.

P.M., 3 O'CLOCK.

Opened with prayer.

Mr. Schmidt, of Easton, was assured of the good feeling of the Ministerium towards him, and he was told that because of the small number of ordained preachers still present, it was not considered advisable to decide concerning his admission. The Ministerium took up a free will offering, which was given, partly to Mr. August Schmidt, partly to Mr. Carl Stock.

[Because of certain circumstances, Mr. Carl Stock's license was once more renewed.]

The President handed their licenses to the candidates present, as the Ministerial Order, Cap. 7, § VII, 2, requires, and admonished them not to leave the congregations entrusted to them without the knowledge of the Ministerium.

They promised in the presence of God by words and the giving of their hand to fulfill their duties.

The mandatorii (attorneys) of the Director, Mr. — —, of the Orphan House in Halle, distributed to the preachers present of the interest of the Rödelheim Legacy, five dollars to each.

The meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

May the Great Shepherd bless all these transactions to the glory of His name and the increase of Christian piety.

In the evening Pastor Möller, of Harrisburg, preached.

The congregation in Philadelphia was thanked in the name of the Ministerium for its kind reception and entertainment. But for the members of the Ministerium the blessing of God upon their labors in the Lord's vineyard [was asked].

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. President.

FRIEDRICH D. SCHÄFER,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-FIFTH CONVENTION.

1802.

(SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH.)

ACTS OF THE SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT READING, JUNE 13TH, 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH, IN THE YEAR OF
CHRIST, 1802.

In the forenoon President Schmidt preached in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, on I Cor. 1: 23, 24; in the afternoon, candidate Moeller, on Luke 15: 2; in the evening, candidate Endress, on Is. 53: 1-3.

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH, A.M.

At 9 o'clock the ministers and delegates assembled in the church, and the Synod was opened with prayer.

Ministers present were:

1. ORDAINED PREACHERS.

Mr. Emanuel Schulz, Senior Minister, from Tulpehocken.

" J. Friedrich Schmidt, }
" H. Christian Helmuth, Th.D., } from Philadelphia.

" Heinrich Mühlenberg, Th.D., from Lancaster.

" Conrad Fr. Wildbahn, from Guinet, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

" Daniel Schröter, from Hanover, Pennsylvania.

" Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.

" Fried. Valentin Melsheimer, from Hanover, Pennsylvania.

" Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.

" Friedrich D. Schäfer, from Germantown.

" David Jung, from Daneytown, Maryland.

" Friedrich Geisenheiner, from New Hanover.

" George Lochmann, from Lebanon.

" J. George Schmucker, from Hagerstown.

" Andreas Schulz, from Womelsdorf.

" Conrad Jäger, from Hanover Township, Northampton County.

2. LICENSED CANDIDATES PRESENT.

Mr. Christian Endress, from Easton.

" Caspar Diehl, from Whitehall, Northampton County.

" J. Georg Rölller, from Indienfield.

" Wilhelm Forster, from Rockingham, Shenandoah, Virginia.

" Johannes Foltz, from Rockingham, Virginia,

" Johannes Grob, from Paradise Township, York County.

" Johannes Rothrauf, from Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

" Johannes Herbst, from Mittelburg, "

" Joh. Friedrich Obenhauss, from Weissenburg, "

" Heinrich Geisenheimer, from Chester County, "

" Wilhelm Ilgen, from Northumberland County, "

" Friedrich Jasinsky, from Shepherdsburg, Virginia.

" Carl Stock, from Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

" Johannes Plitt, from New Holland, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Moeller.

DELEGATES WITH CREDENTIALS.

Mr. Georg A. Becker, } from Philadelphia.

" G. Bantleon, }

" Peter Brua, from Tulpehocken.

" Peter Buss, from Mr. Schröter's four congregations.

" Heinrich Beck, from Germantown.

" Johannes Reichert, from New Hanover.

" C. Hofman, from Lebanon.

" Joh. Weis, from Hagerstown.

" Caspar Ritter, from Hanover Township.

" Friedrich Geinmer, from Easton.

" Christian Schmid, from Indienfield.

" Adam Reger, from Mittelburg.

" Georg Diery, from Weisen's [Nice] Church, Chester County.

" Peter Schweitzer, from New Holland.

Two delegates from this place (Reading, which is at present without a pastor) were present. On motion, it was *Resolved*, that one delegate from Reading shall have a seat and vote in our Synodical Meeting.

Delegates from Reading, Messrs. Friedrich Schmidt and Johannes Strohhecker.

The election of officers was held; Pastor Schmidt was elected President, and Friedrich D. Schäfer, Secretary.

Hereupon the papers were handed in, some twenty in number.

Absent ministers who sent written excuse:—Mr. Heinrich Möller

[the original name here seems to have been Christian Streit, which was erased and changed]; Mr. Jacob Göring; Mr. Georg Flohr, Wythe County, Virginia; Mr. Georg Gräber, Mitteltown, Maryland; Mr. Johannes Stauch, Fayette County; Mr. Michael Steck, Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; Mr. Wilhelm Zimmerman (Carpenter); Adolph Spindler; Mr. Wilhelm Lange; Peter Benz (is sick).

The congregation at Lancaster wrote to excuse itself, because it sent no delegate to this year's Synodical Meeting, but wished God's blessing upon its deliberations.

Similar letters were also received by the Synod from other congregations.

No. 14. P. Moeller's letter of excuse and farewell was read. He very much desires that Harrisburg (which, through his removal, is left without a preacher) may soon be supplied again.

The Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read. Reports of Special Meetings were handed in. The Protocol of the Special Conference of the First District, held at Germantown; further of the Second, held — in Northampton; of the Third, held at Tulpehocken; of the Fourth; of the Fifth, of which Pastor Kurz made verbal report.

Paper No. 1 was read. The congregations at Maytown, Middletown and Elizabethtown ask for a pastor. The Synod deliberated as to how these congregations might be assisted; but no formal decision was reached.

No. 2. A letter from Emmetstown was read.

The forenoon session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH, P.M., AT 3 O'CLOCK.

Opened with prayer.

No. 1. In reference to Emmetstown the Synodical Meeting *Resolved*, that the said congregation be only recommended to follow the advice given by the Special Conference.

Concerning Harrisburg, it was *Resolved*, The congregation at Harrisburg, and those united with it, are advised to apply to any preacher of the Ministerium, and call him as their pastor, and that they be informed that Rev. Jung and Candidate Geisenheiner would visit them and preach for them.

Concerning No. 1, it was also *Resolved*, that to the congregation at Manheim, and those united with it, the same advice be given as to the congregation at Harrisburg.

Copies of the above resolutions were dispatched to the respective congregations. Concerning

No. 3. *Resolved*, That the Synod considers it advisable to leave the affairs of Zion's church in Pikeland in *statu quo*, this time.

No. 4. Concerning Schuster's church: *Resolved*, That it be left to Mr. Grob to treat the matter (concerning the church mentioned and No. 13, concerning Sattler's) as he found best.

No. 7. A letter from Shepherdstown was read, and (No. 17) one from Friedrichtown, which refers to the former.

No. 10. Testimonials for Mr. Stock from Catawissa and Muncy were read.

No. 11. A letter from Scherer's congregation in Letterkenny Township, Franklin County, was read.

No. 22. Concerning Chambersburg, it was *Resolved*, that Candidate Moeller shall preach a trial sermon in Chambersburg and Shippensburg.

No. 13. A letter from Huntingdon was read, in which they asked urgently for a preacher.

No. 15 was read, in which the congregation in Braunschweig Township petitions that a certain Mr. Daniel George Schafer be received.

At 6 o'clock the session was closed with prayer.

In the evening Mr. Jasinsky preached on Matt. 7: 13, 14.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

The forenoon session was opened with prayer by Sen. Schulze. Since President Schmidt could not be present owing to indisposition, Dr. Helmuth was chosen President p. t.

Regarding No. 13, it was *Resolved*, That if any member of the Ministerium wishes to visit those parts, one or other of the officers of the Ministerium give him a few lines; and if no one can pay them a visit, that a fraternal answer be sent them in writing.

Concerning No. 3, the decision reached was approved by the delegates of Zion's church in Chester County.

The preachers handed in the number of baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased in the congregations, as follows:

Names of the Preachers.	Congregations.	Baptisms.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools
Dr. Helmuth } . .	Philadelphia .	307	108	781	168	—
Mr. Schmidt } . .						
Dr. Mühlenberg . .	Lancaster . .	185	66	551	37	1
Schulze, Sen. } . .	6	163	62	870	35	—
Andr. Schulze } . .						
Göring	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kurz	Baltimore . .	165	23	273	86	1
Lehman	7	142	78	626	69	7

Names of the Preachers.	Congregations.	Baptisms.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools
Melsheimer	5	105	75	324	13	4
Schäfer	Germantown.	129	18	223	49	1
Jung	4	42	70	179	12	—
Lochman	7	179	65	736	32	6
Schröder	4	160	80	490	19	2
Fr. Geisenheiner . .	3	125	58	536	36	—
Schmucker	5	{ 180 } { 26 }	54	450	27	4
Jäger	4	125	72	631	50	4
Endress (in 6 months)	6	146	124	396	17	7
Rothrauf	7	107	70	334	16	5
Forster	4	70	—	283	—	5
J. Foltz	4	96	62	196	16	4
Diehl	4	86	34	497	34	2
Plitt	3	79	45	354	21	3
Obenhauß	7	407	129	1417	51	5
Röller	3	141	92	682	39	4
Grob	5	73	55	73	7	4
Graber	—	114	35	248	10	2
H. Geisenheiner . .	2	46	37	116	16	1
Herbst	7	120	84	313	36	4
Georg Flohr	—	131	38	184	8	—
M. Stöck	4	1098	31	4035	18	—
Jasinsky	3	69	10	62	6	1
Stock	3	87	56	87	3	—
Möller (now without a charge)	2	134	38	127	28	2

It was then resolved, that each minister give a brief account of the internal and external condition of his congregation. In accordance with this resolution, the pastors present reported verbally concerning their respective congregations; the Synodical Meeting was moved to thank and praise the Lord, whose grace we have until now experienced, and for the continuation and increase of which we are in duty bound humbly to pray to Him.

In closing the Synodical Meeting, it was decided by ballot, that the next Synodical Meeting should be held at Baltimore on the Festival of the Trinity.

Finally a prayer was offered and a stanza sung.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Opened with prayer. President Schmidt had, to some extent, recovered from his indisposition, so that he could again attend the session.

Several resolutions concerning Friedrichstown and Reading were drawn up and passed. For the latter place Mr. Jasinsky was proposed and recommended, for the former Mr. Grob. But the delegate from Friedrichstown was unwilling to accept the decision of the Ministerium as to their congregation, as they expected to receive Mr. Jasinsky as their pastor, for whom they had made written request.

APPLICANTS.

1. Mr. Schmidt, from Easton. 2. Georg Buttler, with testimonials. 3. Friedrich Sanno, from Seller's [Leller's], Tinicum, and Springfield congregations, with testimonials [No. 18]. 4. Daniel George Schäfer, in accordance with a resolution of last year, and this time with testimonials [No. 15]. 5. Andreas Almes.

Then the Protocol of the Special Conference (of the York District) was read, for the sake of investigating the charges against Rev. Schröter.

Several other papers were read [No. 5]; one from Adam Mentz, who based his testimony upon the declaration of his wife, who died nine years ago; the second signed by a woman who likewise bases her testimony on the declaration of the deceased lady just mentioned. A third of the same contents, based on the same declaration. A fourth signed by one Michael Ulz, most probably to accuse him of gossiping, or whatever one might call it. The fifth, an affidavit signed by Carl Schwartz, who some years ago argued with Mr. Schröter on Scripture, and especially of the article of the descent of Christ into hell; this theological discussion was of so much value, that the said C. S. has lately sworn that Mr. Schröter had said, "that there was no hell."

Then the testimonials from four congregations of Mr. Schröter in defence of his innocence were read. There were, however, several papers with names attached, which seemed strange to the Ministerium; but an explanation was made by Mr. Schröter, which, however, was not satisfactory to the Ministerium.

Then Mr. Schröter's former defense was read. On motion it was *Resolved* that Mr. Schröter, as the accused, and his accusers, withdraw for

a moment, that the Ministerium might deliberate concerning the accusations and the defense. The Ministerium did not yet reach a decision in this matter.

At six o'clock the session was closed with prayer.

In the evening Rev. Mr. Lochman preached in English on I Cor. 2: 11.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH.

In the forenoon, at 9 o'clock, the session was opened with prayer. The affairs of the Friedrichstown congregation again came up. In reference to them it was *Resolved* to send to them the decisions concerning them and the Red. congregation, together with a friendly letter of explanation—but the delegate refused to accept this letter and the resolutions.

Mr. Schröter's affairs were then discussed, and it was

Resolved, That the Ministerium regards Mr. D. Schröter unworthy of being a member of the Ministerium until fruits meet for repentance be shown, in which case the Ministerium will not hesitate to receive him again with open arms.

Concerning a certain Mr. Mockenhaupt, it was resolved that Mr. Mockenhaupt's license be not renewed.

No. 9. A petition from Schoolmaster Benedict Neidlinger, in Weisenburg, was read. This man is in one of Mr. Obenhauss' congregations; therefore that gentleman was advised to attend to it, that the township in which Mr. Niedlinger lives take care of its poor.

Several very favorable testimonials concerning Mr. Obenhauss were read. Rev. Messrs. Lehman, Jäger and Diehl brought up several points, concerning which Mr. Obenhauss gave satisfactory explanations. They appeared mostly to rest on misunderstandings.

Candidate Endress expressed the desire that his ordination (which was resolved upon last year already) be postponed another year.

The resolution of the Ministerium was read to Mr. Schröter.

Candidate Diehl requested to be ordained.

The candidates handed in their sermons and journals; also their licenses.

Candidate Endress, journal, 1 sermon, et license.

"	Röller,	"
"	Geisenheiner, diarium, 1 sermon, et license.	
"	Diehl,	"
"	Herbst,	" 1 "
"	Obenhauss,	1 "
"	Forster,	"

Candidate Jasinsky, diarium, 1 sermon, et license.

"	Stock,	"	1	"	"
"	Rothrauf,	"	1	"	"
"	Plitt,	"	1	"	"
"	J. Foltz,	"		"	"
"	Grob,	"	1	"	"
"	Ilgen,	"		"	"
"	Gräber,	"	1	"	"

The ordained preachers were divided into committees to examine the papers of the candidates [according to the constitution. C. 7, § 5].

It was moved and *Resolved* that the Ministerium permit Mr. Jasinsky to accept a call to Friedrichstown (A copy of this resolution was given to the delegate from Friedrichstown).

At 1 o'clock the forenoon session was closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH, AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The session was opened with prayer.

By order of the Ministerium the resolution concerning Mr. Schröter was handed to Mr. Wohlfarth, Esq.

Concerning Mr. Schmidt, from Easton, *Resolved* that the Ministerium cannot have anything to do with him.

Mr. Almes was given the answer that he should in the future be faithful, diligent and conscientious.

Mr. Butler, Daniel Schäfer and Friedrich Sanno were examined by Doctors Helmuth, Mühlberg and Melsheimer.

The ordained preachers who had read the sermons of the candidates reported on them, and read parts of several sermons, which were again criticised.

The committee which had been named to examine the applicants made a favorable report; whereupon it was *Resolved* to receive Mr. G. Buttler and license him as a candidate; further, to receive Mr. Daniel George Schäfer as catechist, and that he be under the supervision of Pastor Lehman; further, to receive Mr. Friedrich Sanno as catechist, and that he be under the supervision of Pastor Schäfer.

Resolved, To ordain the following gentlemen:

Mr. Christian Endress, from Easton; Mr. Johannes Rothrauf, from Greencastle; Mr. Johann Plitt, from New Holland; Mr. Wilhelm Forster, from Shenandoah; Mr. Johannes Foltz, from Rockingham, Virginia; Mr. Johann Caspar Diehl, from the Jordan.

Then the ordination certificates were prepared and the licenses renewed.

A member stated that Mr. Hubley had asked him to request the Ministerium that the Reading congregation (as long as it is vacant) be now and then favored with a sermon. When the question was laid before them eleven pastors promised to preach at Reading.

The Ministerial Meeting was closed with devout prayer and the singing of a stanza of a hymn.

Because of the ordination still to be performed, service was held in the evening, and all the pastors yet present attended.

The above-mentioned candidates, Endress, Rothrauf, Forster, Foltz, Plitt and Diehl were ordained by the President, Mr. Schmidt, assisted by Sen. Schulze and Dr. Helmuth, with prayer and the laying on of hands, and their certificates of ordination were handed to them. Likewise Messrs. Buttler, Daniel Schäfer and Friedrich Sanno, the latter two as catechists, the former as candidate, together with the other candidates, were admonished of their duties and their licenses handed to them. Pastor Jung afterwards delivered a brief address on I Pe. 2 : 24. After the sermon, Dr. Helmuth standing before the altar, thanked the congregation for their kind reception and entertainment of the preachers ; encouraged the latter also to be faithful in the service of the Lord, and closed with a devout prayer.

This afternoon the mandatorii (attorneys) distributed of the interest of the legacy among the teachers, five dollars to each.

J. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. President.

FRIEDRICH D. SCHAFER,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

1803.

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT BALTIMORE, JUNE 5TH, THE FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY, 1803.

The Ministers arrived at the place of meeting on the day previous; and in the evening (June 4th), Pastor Friedrich D. Schäfer, preached in the Lutheran Church on Matth. 7: 21.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH. FESTIVAL OF THE TRINITY.

The following pastors preached:

In the forenoon, President Schmidt preached in the Lutheran Church, on John 15: 16-21; Dr. Mühlenberg in the new Reformed Church, on Acts 16: 31; Pastor Göring in Mr. Otterbein's, on John 3: 36. In the afternoon, Pastor Geisenheiner in the Lutheran Church, on Tit. 2: 11-14.

Pastor Endress in the new Reformed Church, on II Cor. 4: 17. In the evening, Dr. Helmuth in the Lutheran Church, on Matth. 9: 13.

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH, A.M.

The President opened the session with prayer.

1. MINISTERS PRESENT AND ORDAINED PREACHERS.

Pastor Schmidt, } from Philadelphia.
Dr. Helmuth, }

Dr. Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.

C. Streit, from Winchester.

J. Göring, from York.

V. Melsheimer, from Hanover.

Dr. Kurz, from Baltimore.

Friedrich D. Schäfer, from Germantown.

Dr. Zimmerman (alias Carpenter), from Culpepper, Virginia.

Friedrich Geisenheiner, from New Hanover.

George Lochmann, from Lebanon.

J. Ruthrauf, from Green Castle.
 Christian Endress, from Easton.
 Wilh. Forster, from Shenandoah, Virginia.
 Johann Plitt, from New Holland.

LICENSED CANDIDATES.

Joh. Grob, from Paradise, Pennsylvania.
 George Gräber, from Mitteltown, Virginia.
 Adolph Spindler, from Augusta County, Virginia.
 J. Herbst, from Mittelcrieck, Northumberland County.
 Heinrich Geisenheiner, from Chester County.
 George Flohr, from Wythe County, Virginia.
 Friedrich Jasinsky, from Friedrichstown.
 Fr. Moeller, from Chamberstown.
 George Buttler, from Greenville, Botetourt County, Virginia.
 Mühlenberg, Jun., from Reading.
 Scriba.

CATECHISTS.

Friedrich Sanno, from Bedminster.
 Daniel Georg Schäfer, from Penn Township, Northumberland County.

DELEGATES.

Mr. Georg Wolpper, }
 Andr. Geyer, Jun., } from Philadelphia.
 Joh. Müller, from Lancaster.
 Adam Gräber, from Yorktown.
 Friedrich Brendel, from Baltimore.
 Joh. Bardt, from Green Castle.
 Abrah. Horn, from Easttown.
 Philipp Derr, from Mitteltown.
 Andr. Bogen, from Friedrichsstadt.
 Ph. Scholl, from Chambersburg.
 Ludwig Kesselring, from Daneytown.

The other congregations from which no delegates were present, had themselves excused, some in writing, but others verbally by their respective pastors, to wit: Lancaster, Hanover, Germantown, New Hanover, New Holland, Chester, Mittelcrieck, Wythe County and Greenville.

Hereupon the election of officers was held, and Pastor Schmidt, of Philadelphia, was elected President, and Pastor Friedrich D. Schäfer, of Germantown, Secretary. Then the papers were handed in.

1. A paper from Tuscarora Valley; 2. A paper from Woodbury,

Maryland ; 3. A paper from Stelzen's Church, Maryland ; 4. A paper from Jerusalem Church, etc. ; 5. A paper from Manheim Township, York County ; 6. A paper from Carlisle ; 7. A paper from Huntingdon ; 8. A paper from Bleymeyers ; 9. A paper from Hummelstown ; 10. A paper from Harrisburg ; 11. A paper from Pine Grove, Bucks County ; 12. A paper from Mr. V. Stock ; 13. A paper from Seb. Folz ; 14. A paper from "Blauberger" Congregation ; 15. A paper from Mr. P. Hinckel ; 16. A paper from Mr. Schewe ; 17. A paper from Chanceford ; had made verbal request for a preacher, through Dr. Mühlenberg ; 18. A paper from Pikeland ; 19. A paper from Mr. Steck, Westmoreland County ; 20. A paper from Dover Township, York County.

The letters of excuse were, in part, read, and were from Mr. Stock, Mr. P. Hinckel, Mr. J. Stauch, Mr. J. Schmucker.

Mr. Obenhaus, Mr. Diehl, Mr. Roeller were orally excused.

The Protocol of the last Synodical Meeting was read.

Protocols of Special Conferences were presented, and, in part, read.

After the reading of that of the First District, it was *Resolved*, That each Special Conference shall, at the end of its session, determine when and where the session shall be held next year.

After the reading of that of the Second District, in which serious charges are made against several of the preachers, it was *Resolved*, That the matter regarding Mr. Obenhausen be postponed until the next Synodical Meeting.

A Protocol of the Third District, and that of the District Meeting in Virginia, which was printed, were read.

The papers for the Synodical Meeting were read, their contents weighed, and the following resolutions made regarding them :

No. 1. Concerning Tuscarora Valley, Mifflinburg and Lewisburg, which desire a teacher, *Resolved*, That if any member of the Ministerium feels inclined to accept a call from these congregations, he shall inform the President to-day.

Concerning No. 2. *Resolved*, That the Ministerium grant Mr. Jasinsky, in Friedrichsstadt, permission to serve the congregation at Woodsbury (in Maryland).

No. 3 was read, and it was considered more appropriate to decide concerning its contents in the Ministerial Meeting.

About one o'clock the session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 6TH, P.M., AT 3 O'CLOCK.

The session was opened with prayer.

No. 4. A paper from the Jerusalem's Church was read.

No. 5. A paper from Manheim Township, York County, was read, and

thereupon *Resolved*, That if any member of the Ministerium felt inclined to accept said congregation, he should inform the President privately.

No. 6. A letter from Carlisle was read ; this congregation also desires a preacher, and, in particular, Mr. Sanno.

No. 7. A letter from Huntingdon was read. This congregation reports that Mr. Scheeve was not able to correct the erring, to comfort the afflicted, etc. ; otherwise he had conducted himself in a proper way. They therefore petition for a pastor who knows Christ. This paper was accompanied by one from the Union congregation. *Resolved*, as with No. 5.

No. 8 was read, and referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 9 was read, and *resolved*, as with No. 5 [from Hummelstown].

No. 10. A letter from the congregation at Harrisburg, together with another from one Mr. Joh. Dietrich Petersen, who requests that, by order of the Ministerium, he may be examined at a Special Conference, and then be ordained as a pastor. Referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 11. A writing from [Pinegrove] the Jacob's Church and Salem's Church, in Berks county, in which request is made for Mr. Knoske.

No. 12. A letter from Candidate Stock, in which he requests to be transferred to other congregations by the Ministerium. Rev. Mr. Lochman promised to exert himself in his behalf.

No. 14. A letter was read from the "Blauberger," or congregation in Braunschweig Township, signed by the Church Council and a large number of its members. The congregation makes various complaints against the catechist, Mr. Daniel George Schäfer, who was received by the Ministerium at their request only last year. Among other things they mention that, after they had given him a collection of £9 (almost-sengeld), also advanced him £35 of borrowed money, but could not collect more than £18 by subscription, he no longer wished to serve them, notwithstanding that he himself had made written promise to be satisfied with what would be subscribed. They state that they wanted to furnish him a pretty dwelling, but the pastor did not want to be satisfied in his present station, but obstinately moved into another county. In the new church he has fiercely and passionately attacked upright men, but had left love and gentleness at home. These good people held an election to see whether they wished to retain him ; nine voted to dismiss him, and three (among them one who was not a Lutheran) voted to retain him as their pastor. In brief, the congregation is now divided.

The President hereupon appointed Dr. Mühlenberg, Pastor Göring and Mr. A. Geyer, Jun., as a committee to investigate the complaints, and make a report.

No. 18, from Zion's Church, in Pikeland, was read, and referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 19. Mr. Steck's (Westmoreland County) letter of excuse was read. He asks that his license be renewed.

No. 20. A writing from the congregation in Dover Township. It requests either to be united with York, and served in connection with it, or, if the adjoining congregations were again supplied with a pious and able teacher, to unite with these.

The reports of baptized, etc., as handed in, are as follows:

Pastors.	Congregations.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools
Mr. Schmidt and Mr. } Helmuth . . . }	Philadelphia . .	308	130	822	233	3
" Mühlenberg . . .	Lancaster . . .	—	—	—	—	—
" Streit	Winchester . .	49	26	201	15	1
" Göring	York	—	—	—	—	—
" Melsheimer . . .	Hanover . . .	174	87	228	19	3
" Kurz	Baltimore . . .	—	—	—	—	—
" Fr. Schäfer . . .	Germantown . .	120	37	315	27	2
" Carpenter . . .	Culpepper . . .	82	15	176	16	—
" Fr. Geisenheiner	New Hanover . .	139	158	647	26	5
" Lochman	Lebanon . . .	199	79	720	50	4
" Rothrauf	Greencastle . .	110	40	301	14	4
" Endress	Easton	246	77	502	46	8
" Plitt	New Holland . .	131	58	483	28	4
" Forster	Shenandoah . .	69	28	245	3	4
" Grob	Paradise . . .	109	79	470	11	5
" Gräber	Mitteltown . .	82	55	181	13	4
" Spindler	Augusta . . .	50	64	235	10	5
" Herbst	Mittelcreek . .	115	75	365	27	4
" H. Geisenheiner	Chester County .	58	27	209	15	1
" Flohr	Wythe County .	113	64	221	13	3
" Jasinsky	Friedrichstown .	153	46	167	54	1
" Moeller	Chambersburg .	76	37	95	26	3
" Buttler	Greenville . . .	36	10	37	—	1
" Mühlenberg, Jun.	Reading	—	—	—	—	—
" Schmucker . . .	Hagerstown . .	158	53	384	30	—
" Lange	Berlin	220	84	253	15	—
" Steck	Greensburg . .	208	87	408	33	4
" Stock	Catawissa . . .	57	30	68	—	—
" Scriba		—	—	—	—	—
" Sanno	Bedminster . .	63	—	38	39	1
" Dan, Schäfer . .	Braunschweig .	42	—	—	13	A—

The committee which had investigated the charges against the Catechist, Mr. Daniel Schäfer, brought in its report, and proposed the following resolution, which was approved:

Resolved, That we do not find the accusation against Mr. George Daniel Schäfer proven (according to which he is said to have used some frivolous expressions in his boarding-house at Reading, in 1802). His written testimony, etc., made such explanation of the matter, that we see no evil meaning in his expressions. Nevertheless, we advise that he be granted permission to leave the Zion's congregation.

[A communication from the Zion's Congregation to the Ministerium reports that a majority of the above congregation has already dismissed Mr. Daniel Schäfer, and never again wishes to have him as their preacher; in case he was forced upon them the congregation would be brought into the greatest confusion. They ask the Ministerium to give them as their pastor Mr. Knoske, who is pure in his teaching and unblamable in life.]

Hereupon the election was held.

The Festival Trinitatis was appointed as the time, and Germantown as the place of the next Synodical Meeting.

About six o'clock the Synodical Meeting was closed with prayer and the delegates dismissed.

In the evening ——— preached.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, A.M.

The Ministerial Meeting was opened with prayer.

Mr. Jacob Weigel, from York County, brought a complaint against Pastor Melsheimer that he had married his son, Georg Weigel, to a woman already married. Hereupon a committee was named—by the President, Messrs. G. Geisenheiner and Plitt; by the accuser, Dr. Helmuth—to investigate the above accusation and report on it.

The committee handed in its report, which was discussed, and resolved to further deliberate upon it, and decide the matter this afternoon.

Oral request was then made that Mr Herbst be permitted to visit the Fissels, congregation this fall.

Resolved, That Mr. Herbst be permitted to comply with the request of the said congregation and those united with it.

A delegate from the congregation in Tuscarora Valley [No. 1] made oral request for a pastor.

Resolved, That Mr. Scriba [who had come from Germany in the preceding fall as a theological candidate, furnished with good testimonials, also had been licensed by the officers of the Ministerium, and had been stationed as preacher at Reading until Easter] be recommended to visit Tuscarora, etc.

Concerning No. 6, it was *Resolved*, That the Catechist Mr. Sanno pay a visit to Carlisle, etc, and if he receive a call from the said congregations, the officers give him permission to accept the call, and to this end grant him a full license.

APPLICANTS.

Mr. Knoske, who until now has preached to the congregations at Jacob's, Salem's, and Pinegrove Churches, requests to be admitted into the Ministerium.

Mr. Rehman.—A congregation in York Township, as also that at Oberbermudien, and at Steltzen's church [No. 3], made written request that he be received.

Mr. Sebastian Voltz [No. 13].—Two congregations in Rockingham County [where Mr. Voltz has preached for seven years already], that of Emanuel's church in Augusta County, and that of Rockfish Gap in Amherst County, made very earnest request in their letters that this good man be received.

Mr. Andreas Alms.

P. Ernst [who has been stationed in New York State as preacher for several years] asked whether, in the future, he should consider himself a member of the Ministerium?

Resolved, That the decision be postponed.

The candidates and catechists then handed in their journals, etc.

	Sermons.	Journals.
Mr. Grob	1	—
“ Spindler	1	1
“ G. I. Flohr	1	—
“ Gräber	1	—
“ Herbst	1	—
“ H. Geisenheiner	1	—
“ G. Buttler.	2	1
“ Jasinsky	1	—
“ Mühlenberg, Jun.	1	1
“ Sanno	2	—
“ Möller	1	—
“ Dan. Schafer	1	—
“ Scriba	2 ¹	—

¹Outlines.

The ordained preachers were divided into four committees, to look over the sermons, etc., examine the applicants, and make report of it.

Committee 1. Dr. Helmuth, Streit and Plitt. 2. Dr. Mühlenberg, Carpenter and Endress. 3. P. Göring, Kurz and Fr. Geisenheiner. 4. P. Melsheimer, Lochman and Rothrauf.

At 1 o'clock the session was closed with prayer

TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, P.M., 3 O'CLOCK.

Session was opened with prayer.

The committees, one after the other, made verbal reports, which were discussed.

Mr. Weinland, from Pottsgrove, appeared before the Ministerium and requested to be received.

After conscientious consideration of this request, it was *Resolved*, That at the present we find too many scruples to be able to grant his request and desire.

This resolution was handed to Mr. Weinland in writing.

Concerning Mr. Ernst, who had declared before the Assembly, that he would not again attend a lodge, the question was asked: Shall Mr. Ernst be regarded as a member of the Ministerium?

Four preachers answered, Yes; one, No; the others remained silent.

The question was then put, whether candidates were to be ordained? Answer, Yes.

Of the gentlemen proposed for ordination, the following had two-thirds of the ordained preachers present in their favor [two-thirds of the previously ordained preachers voted for their ordination, Constitution, C. V., § 7]:

Mr. Georg Flohr, from Wythe County, Virginia; Adolph Spindler, from Augusta County, Virginia; J. Grob, from York County, Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That they be ordained in the church this evening.

The licenses of the remaining candidates were renewed, likewise those of the catechists, Fr. Sanno and Georg Daniel Schäfer.

Concerning Mr. Knoske, *Resolved*, That he be granted a full license.

Concerning Mr. Rehman, *Resolved*, That he be received as catechist, and be under the supervision of Pastor Melsheimer.

Mr. S. Voltz was advised to make use of the instruction of some preacher for some time.

Concerning Mr. Schewe, who, according to No. 7, does not want to have any association with farmers, and yet cannot be of use in the town of Huntingdon, it was

Resolved, That his request (to be received) cannot be complied with. The same was resolved concerning Andr. Alms.

Concerning No. 10. The Ministerium is not disposed to send a commission to Harrisburg to examine and ordain the suppliant.

The certificates of ordination were now prepared.

Pastor Friedrich D. Schäfer, from Germantown, stated to the Ministerium, that since yesterday he had learned that the pastor from Easton, for more than one reason, wished that the next Synodical Meeting could have been held at that place, and, since the circumstances of the pastor and congregation at Easton, as they at present are, had become more fully known to him, Pastor Schäfer was willing that the next Synodical Meeting be held at Easton; in the well-grounded hope, however, that it would afterwards be held at Germantown. Several pastors promised, D. V., then to vote for Germantown. It was then *Resolved*, That the next Synodical Meeting should be held at Easton on Trinity Sunday.

The Mandatorii distributed of the interest five dollars to each minister.

The President closed the ministerial session with a hearty prayer.

In the evening the Candidates, G. Flohr, A. Spindler and J. Grob, were solemnly ordained to the office of the ministry by President Schmidt, assisted by Drs. Helmuth and Mühlenberg.

This is witnessed by

J. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
P. t. President.

FRIEDRICH D. SCHÄFER,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION.

1804.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL MEETING HELD
AT EASTON, MAY 27TH TO 29TH, 1804.

On Sunday, May 27th, Rev. Mr. Schmidt, the President, preached an edifying sermon in the forenoon, on Rom. 1 : 16. Doctor Mühlenberg preached in the afternoon on Apoc. 2 : 3, and Doctor Helmuth in the evening on Isa. 12 : 3.

MONDAY, MAY 28TH, A.M.

The public sessions of the Synod began. The preachers present were the following :

ORDAINED PREACHERS.

Doctor Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
Rev. Mr. Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
Doctor Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
Rev. Mr. Göring, from Yorktown.
“ Schafer, from Germantown.
“ Geisenheiner, from New Hanover.
“ Lochman, from Lebanon.
“ Schmucker, from Hagerstown.
“ Andreas Schulze, from Womelsdorf.
“ Jager, from Hanover Township.
“ Endress, from Easton.
“ Dill, from Whitehall.
“ Plitt, from New Holland.
“ Forster, from Shenandoah.

LICENSED CANDIDATES.

Mr. Stauch, from Fayette County.
“ Obenhausen, from Weissenburg.
“ Graber, from Mitteltown.
“ Heinrich Geisenheiner, from Vincent Township.
“ Röller, from Goshenhoppen.
“ Jasinsky, from Friedrichstadt.

- Mr. Ilgen, from Aaronsburg.
 “ Muhlenberg, from Reading.
 “ Buttler, from Greenville.

CATECHIST.

Mr. Conrad Riemann, from York County.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

Messrs. Johann L. Wagner and Johann Lang, from Philadelphia.

Mr. Friedrich Horn, from Yorktown.

“ Georg Hacker, from Germantown.

“ Heinrich Heist, from New Hanover.

“ Jacob Bucher, from Lebanon.

“ Leonhardt Kuhn, from Hagerstown.

“ Michael Huber, from Rev. Mr. Jäger's congregations.

“ Michael Opp, from Easton.

“ Ludwig Slecher, from Fayette County.

“ Jacob Göring, from Mr. Röller's congregations.

“ Bernhardt Gilbert, from Friedrichstadt.

“ Philipp Moser, from Aaronsburg.

“ Friedrich Heller, from Reading.

They proceeded to the election of officers, and by a majority of votes Doctor Helmuth was appointed President and Jacob Göring Secretary.

The various papers were handed in; the absent ordained preachers and licensed candidates and their excuses were noted.

The following excused themselves in writing:

Mr. Johann Michael Steck. The letter of excuse was accompanied by a list of the communicants and baptized. Mr. Georg Flohr, Wythe County, in Virginia, also a list; Mr. Friedrich Sanno, Carlisle, also a list; Mr. Emanuel Schulze, Tulpehocken, with a list; Mr. Daniel Lehman, Missillum, with a list; Mr. V. G. Stock, Wahner's Church; Mr. Johann Rothrauf, Greencastle; Mr. Johann Herbst, York County; Mr. Knosky, Mr. Friedrich Möller, Chambersburg; Mr. Christian Streit, Winchester, Virginia. This letter of excuse was also accompanied by a list of the communicants and baptized.

The following had themselves excused orally: Mr. Lange, Berlin; Mr. Johann Grob, Taneytown.

The Synodical Protocol of last year was read; also the reports of the Special Conferences.

In the First District no meeting was held. Rev. Mr. Geisenheiner made excuse for the preachers belonging to it.

In the Easton District a meeting was held; the Protocol was read.

In the Lancaster District a meeting was held ; the Protocol was read.

In the Yorktown District there was no meeting. It was to be held in Emmettstown, but no one appeared except Jacob Göring.

In the Baltimore District the meeting was held in Mitteltown. The gentlemen belonging to it spent the time in the discussion of edifying subjects.

In the Western District there was no meeting.

In the Virginia District a meeting was held and its Protocol was read.

Report was made of the death of our beloved brother, Mr. C. F. Wildbahn.

The papers sent in were taken up for consideration.

1. Papers from Philadelphia. A controversy had arisen there in reference to English preaching in the German Church : *Resolved*, to hand the papers on this question to a committee of five, and that Messrs Schäfer, Lochmann, Endress, Horn and Hacker be that committee. The committee shall report in the afternoon.

2. A letter from Harrisburg, Dauphin County. A request that Mr. Petersen be received into the Ministerium.

3. A similar letter from Mitteltown, Dauphin County. Both letters belong to the Ministerial Meeting.

4. A letter from Allen's Township, ——— County. Petition for a preacher : *Resolved*, That this request be referred to a committee, and that Messrs. Jäger and Geisenheiner be this committee.

5. Letters from Hamilton Township, Northampton County. Petition for a preacher : *Resolved*, That these writings also be handed to the last named committee.

6. A letter from Gwinett Township, Montgomery County. Petition for a preacher : *Resolved*, To hand this letter to Messrs. Geisenheiner and Schafer as a committee.

A motion was now made and seconded : That the congregations in Allen's Township and Hamilton Township, Northampton County (Nos. 4, 5), be advised to apply to Mr. Dill. This motion was approved.

7. A letter from the so-called Keller's, Springfield, Nockamixon and Tinicum congregations in ——— County. Petition that Mr. Johann Nicolaus Mensch be received into the Ministerium. This letter was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

The session was closed with prayer.

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8. A letter from Pikeland Township, Chester County. Petition that Mr. Conrad Friedrich Plitt be received into the Ministerium. This letter was at the same time a call. Was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

9. A letter from Salzburg Township, Northampton County. Com-

plaint that the congregation is without a preacher. Petition that Mr. Friedrich Plitt might serve them. *Resolved*, That this letter be referred to a committee, and that Mr. Jäger and Mr. Dill be this committee. The report of the committee was, that this congregation be answered orally, and this report was approved.

10. A letter from Huntingdon, Huntingdon County. Petition that Mr. Gräber be permitted to accept this congregation, since Mr. Gräber had promised the congregation to do so, on the condition that the Ministerium would permit it. *Resolved*, to hand this letter to Messrs. Jasinsky, Ilgen and Gräber, as a committee.

11. A letter from Greenville, Boutetourt County, in Virginia. A testimonial for Mr. Georg Buttler, and a petition for his ordination. Referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

12. A letter from various congregations in York County. Petition that Mr. Reimann be licensed. This letter was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

13. A letter from Columbiana County, in the State of Ohio. Petition that Mr. Georg Simon be received into the Ministerium. Was referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

14. A letter from Chambersburg, Franklin County. A testimonial for Mr. Möller, and a petition that they might retain him as preacher. Was granted.

15. A letter from various congregations, served by Mr. Ilgen, contains a favorable testimonial for Mr. Ludwig Wilhelm Ilgen. Was approved.

16. A letter from the congregation on the Little Lecha, in Macountshy Township. Contains a favorable testimonial for Mr. J. F. Obenhaussen, and a petition that they may keep him as their preacher, and not be forced to join again with the congregations formerly united with them. Postponed until the next session.

17. A letter from Dr. Johann Christoph Kunze, in New York, together with documents relating to the Hartwig bequest. This letter is a model of Christian cordiality and of fraternal encouragement. It contains, among much else, also the following expressions, which need to be thought over: "A man, who otherwise has the knowledge essentially necessary for the office, is not indifferent to me now, if I know that he believes the catechism of Luther. Of our men on this side of the Hudson—I know no one, God be praised, who denies the Lord who has redeemed him. But it is nothing less than this that men are at present doing boldly in Germany, through pulpit, life and pen—who eat the bread of the Church. God preserve us, my dear brethren, in this sad time, from apostles coming from there!"¹ *Resolved*, that Dr. Mühlenberg and

¹ "Es ist mir ein Mann der uebrigens die dem Amte wesentlich noetigen Kennt-

Rev. Mr. Plitt be a committee, and this letter be given into their hands.

The committee which had considered the papers from Philadelphia (No 1) made the following report: "Your committee has duly considered the matter referred to it, and begs leave to present the following points to the Synod:

"It regrets the disturbance at present reigning in the beloved congregation, and wishes that the Lord of the Church Himself may look upon it, and graciously heal the wounds."

"2. It finds, after due deliberation, that it would be acting too hastily, if it passed judgment in this matter, since the congregation has a charter and Constitution, by which it must be guided, and furthermore, the Synod does not think itself justified to mix in the internal affairs of a congregation." This report was approved, and it was *Resolved*, That it shall be sent to those who wrote to the Ministerium.

The committee which had taken into consideration the affairs of Huntingdon (No. 10), made the report: "Since Mr. Gräber cannot accept the congregation at Huntingdon, and as there is no other near by whom it could be served, the proposition is made: That the Ministerium recommend for the place some one who is inclined to leave his congregation, or who at present has no congregation." This report was approved, and it was *Resolved*, That Mr. Gräber write to the congregation at Huntingdon, and ask them to excuse him for not coming.

The session was closed with prayer. This evening, Rev. Mr. Schmucker preached.

TUESDAY, MAY 29TH, A.M.

18. A letter from Paradise Township, York County. The congregation requests that Mr. Herbst may serve it. *Resolved*, That the request of this congregation be granted.

The Special Conference in the Lancaster District had recommended three plans to the Synod.

1. Concerning an institution for the education of young preachers.
2. Concerning the establishing of a Synodical Treasury.
3. Concerning traveling preachers.

These plans were considered item by item and approved. Thereupon the following resolutions were drawn up and adopted:

nisse hat, jetzt nicht gleichgültig, wenn ich weiss, er glaubt den Katechismus Luthers—Von den unsrigen diesseit dem Hudson—Ich weiss von niemand, gottlob, der den Herrn verleugnete, der ihn erkaufte hat. Nichts geringeres aber als dies, ist es was jetzt Menschen in Deutschland ungescheut durch Kanzel, Umgang und Feder thun, die das Brod der Kirche essen—Gott behuete uns meine theuren Brueder, in diesem traurigen Zeitpunkte fuer Aposteln von daher!"

1. That, in accordance with the plan adopted, Rev. Mr. Melsheimer, in Hanover, the preachers in Philadelphia, Rev. Mr. Lochmann in Lebanon, Rev. Mr. Schmucker in Hagerstown, Rev. Mr. Geisenheiner in New Hanover, Rev. Mr. Streit in Winchester, be teachers for the instruction of young preachers.

2. That a Treasurer of the Synodical Meeting be elected. Rev. Mr. Schmidt, of Philadelphia, was elected.

3. That the officers of the Ministerium shall be a committee to have the plans printed as adopted, and shall prefix a cordial address to the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations, in the name of the Synodical Meeting.

4. That one thousand copies of the said plans shall be printed.

The committee which had considered the letter of Dr. Kunze (No. 17), reported. *Resolved*, That written answer be made to the Doctor. Rev. Plitt, of New Holland, had outlined an answer, which was approved. With reference to the Hartwig matter, it reads as follows: "Rev. Mr. Strebeck did not appear at this Synodical Meeting, as the Doctor had expected. His absence has left us without information as to the special cause and object of the Doctor's communication—and that we distant brethren in this matter trust the judgment of the New York Ministerium much more than our own."

The parochial reports (Register) or lists of communicants, etc., were handed in as follows:

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Philadelphia,	318	95	876	162	4
Lancaster,	155	59	517	44	1
Germantown,	75	39	308	28	1
New Hanover,	137	48	449	32	5
Lebanon,	178	77	735	32	6
Hanover,	117	84	617	29	8
Hagerstown,	190	80	327	36	5
Easton,	159	74	441	32	7
Whitehall,	110	64	640	19	4
New Holland,	174	88	680	21	4
Shenandoah,	51	—	198	6	3
Fayette County, . . .	143	20	376	9	4
Weissburg,	431	101	1593	32	11
Mitteltown,	86	—	184	10	4
Vincent Township, . .	60	41	305	16	2
Goshenhoppen,	115	76	355	25	4
Friedrichsstadt, . . .	195	70	230	57	1

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Aaronsburg,	179	110	893	9	4
Greenville,	52	15	51	—	1
Reading,	122	52	250	14	1
York County,	30	—	—	12	1
Missilum,	150	48	850	30	—
Manheim, etc.,	125	136	384	27	—
Wythe County,	73	27	112	9	3
Berlin,	201	73	262	35	—
York,	162	87	446	—	5

Resolved, That answer be made to the congregation on the Little Lecha, Macunshy Township (No. 16), that their request was granted for this year, but at the same time the advice is given, if possible in the future to unite with the congregations formerly united with it.

Resolved, That ordained preachers who know of vacant congregations in their neighborhood, shall visit them, and report on the condition of such congregations at the next Synodical Meeting.

The choice of time and place for the next Synodical Meeting was now held; Germantown was appointed as the place, and Trinity Sunday as the time.

The state of religion in the various congregations was now discussed, and the Synodical Meeting was closed with earnest prayer.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN PREACHERS, HELD AT EASTON,
MAY 29TH AND 30TH, 1804.

TUESDAY, MAY 29TH, P.M.

For ordination were proposed :

Messrs. Friedrich Wilhelm Jasinsky, Georg Gräber, Heinrich Mühl-
enberg, Ludwig Wilhelm Ilgen, J. Friedrich Obenhausen, Heinrich
Geisenheiner, Georg Röller, Johann Stauch, Georg Buttler.

The following are to be received into the Ministerium :

Messrs. Johann Dietrich Petersen, from Harrisburg; Conrad Fried-
rich Plitt, from Vincent Township; Joh. Carl Rebenack, from Bender's
Church, Adams County; Nicolaus Mensch, from Springfield, Bucks

County; Friedrich Haas, from Friedrichsstadt; Georg Simon, from the State of Ohio.

Catechist Riemann requested to be advanced to the office of candidate.

Written questions were handed to the candidates and applicants to be answered.

The written testimonials of Mr. Johann Carl Rebenack were read and from them it appeared that he had been ordained in Germany.

Resolved, That J. C. Rebenack be regarded by us as a friend, like others in previous years, without being a full member, and that congregations united with us have full permission to accept him as pastor, without thereby acting against our Constitution. We have read his papers from Europe, and doubt not that his ordination is correct.

Mr. Joh. Friedr. Weinland made oral and earnest request to be received. *Resolved*, That the following paper, signed by the President and Secretary, be given him: "The bearer of this, Mr. J. F. Weinland, is regarded by us as a friend, who has our good will. If he could obtain a congregation here or there, as preacher, it would very much please us, because at present he has no congregation. Much more would we rejoice if after some time he could appear before us with testimonials of his Christian conduct and blameless behavior, which would make us willing to receive him with open arms as a member."

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Rev. Mr. Lochmann preached.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30TH, A.M.

The answers handed in by the candidates and applicants were read. Thereupon the following resolutions were drawn up:

1. That there shall be ordained: Messrs. Joh. Stauch, Joh. Georg Gräber, Heinrich Geissenheiner, Joh. Friedr. Jasinsky, Ludwig Wilh. Ilgen, Heinrich Aug. Mühlberg.

2. That Messrs. Conrad Riemann, Joh. Dietrich Petersen, Conrad Friedr. Plitt, shall be received and licensed as candidates.

3. That Mr. Nicol. Mensch be received as catechist, and be under the supervision of Mr. Jäger.

4. That the officers of the Ministerium grant Mr. Friedr. Haas a license as catechist or candidate, as they thought best, whenever he show them a regular call from congregations that want him. The officers of the Ministerium shall recommend him for Huntingdon.

5. That Mr. Georg Simon be given a license as candidate in the congregations which ask for him, with the admonition that the Ministerium desires that he receive further instruction.

The solemn act of Ordination was held in the church, and the Ministerium was dismissed by Doctor Helmuth, after a cordial address and prayer.

This is witnessed by

J. HEINR. CH. HELMUTH,
President.

JACOB GOERING,
P. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION.

1805.

(SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH.)

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL MEETING, HELD
AT GERMANTOWN, JUNE 9TH AND THE DAYS FOLLOWING, 1805.

In the forenoon the following preached: Mr. Jacob Goering, on Isa. 3: 10, 11; Mr. George Schmucker, in the Reformed church; Mr. Daniel Kurtz, in Philadelphia. In the afternoon: Mr. Georg Lochmann, on Matth. 11: 28-30; Mr. F. W. Jasinsky, in Philadelphia. In the evening: Mr. F. Valentin Melsheimer, on Job 21: 15; Mr. Johannes Rothrauff, in the Reformed church.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, A.M.

The Synodical Meeting was opened with prayer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

1. Mr. Emanuel Schultze, from Tulpehocken.
2. Dr. Just. Christian Heinrich Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
3. Mr. Friedrich Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
4. Dr. Heinrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
5. Mr. Jacob Goering, from York.
6. “ Daniel Lehman, from Missillum.
7. “ Friedrich Ernst, from Manheim.
8. “ Friedrich Valentin Melsheimer, from Hanover.
9. “ Daniel Kurz, from Baltimore.
10. “ Friedrich David Schäfer, from Germantown.
11. “ Friedrich Wilhelm Geisenheiner, from New Hanover.
12. “ George Lochmann, from Lebanon.
13. “ George Schmucker, from Hagerstown.
14. “ Conrad Jäger.
15. “ Johannes Rothrauf, from Greencastle.
16. “ Christian Endress, from Easton.
17. “ Wilhelm Forster, from Shenandoah, Virginia.
18. “ Johannes Plitt, from New Holland.

19. Mr. Johannes Grobp, from Taneytown.
20. " Heinrich Geissenheiner, from Pikeland.
21. " Fried. Wilhelm Jasinsky, from Friedrichstown.
22. " Heinrich A. Mühlenberg, from Reading.

CANDIDATES PRESENT.

1. Mr. Johannes Herbst, from Fissel's Cong., York County.
2. " Carl Stock.
3. " Johannes G. Röller.
4. " Georg Buttler, from Wythe County, Virginia.
5. " Friedrich Möller, from Chambersburg.
6. " Friedrich Sanno, from Carlisle.
7. " Wilhelm Scriba.
8. " Johannes Knoske, from Pinegrove Township.
9. " Conrad Rieman, from York County.
10. " Friedrich Plitt, from Pikeland.
11. " Petersen, from Harrisburg.

CATECHISTS PRESENT.

1. Mr. Friedrich Haas, from Huntingdon.
2. " J. Nicolaus Mensch, from Springfield.

DELEGATES PRESENT WITH CREDENTIALS.

1. Mr. Peter Lex, from Philadelphia.
2. " Georg Krebs, from Philadelphia.
3. " Jacob Ledder, from Yorktown.
4. " Jacob Hehns, from Hagerstown.
5. " Antony Kannine, from Lebanon.
6. " Johannes Beilsen, from Easton.
7. " Johannes Frey, from Germantown.
8. " Georg Adam Blanck, from New Hanover.
9. " Michael Schloneker, from Pikeland.
10. " Nicolaus Schweyer, from Taneytown.
11. " Johannes Ruhl, from Fissel's congregation, York Co.
12. " Peter Schott, from Harrisburg.
13. " Johannes Stein, from Pinegrove Township.

ABSENT ORDAINED PREACHERS:

1. Dr. Joh. Christoph Kunze, New York.
2. Mr. Christian Streit, Winchester, Virginia.
3. Mr. Wilhelm Zimmerman, or Carpenter, Culpepper, Virginia.
4. Mr. Paul Hinckel, Rowan, North Carolina.
5. Mr. Johannes Folz, Virginia.
6. Mr. Johan Caspar Diehl.
7. Mr.

Johannes Stauch, Fayette County. 8. Mr. Georg Gräber, Middletown, Maryland. 9. Mr. Adolph Spindler, Stanton. 10. Mr. Georg Flohr, Virginia. 11. Mr. Wilhelm Ilgen.

ABSENT CANDIDATES:

1. Mr. Friedrich Obenhaus. 2. Mr. Johan. Fried. Wilhelm Lange, Berlin. 3. Mr. Johannes Michael Steck, Grünsburg.

Letters of excuse were sent by :

1. Mr. Wilhelm Zimmerman [Carpenter]. 2. Mr. Joh. Michael Steck. This was accompanied by a favorable written testimonial from his congregations. 3. Mr. Georg Daniel Flohr. 4. Mr. Lud. Albrecht Wilhelm Ilgen.—Promises a contribution to the institution for the education of young preachers, etc. 5. Mr. Friedrich Wilhelm Lange. This was accompanied by a favorable written testimonial from his congregations. 6. Mr. Georg Gräber. This letter had remained in the Post Office. It was accompanied by a contribution to the institution, etc. 7. Mr. Johannes Folz. 8. Mr. Johannes Stauch. This letter is dated May 9, 1805 ; but was only received after the Synodical Meeting.

Mr. Jacob Goering reported the death of the beloved Candidate, Mr. Georg Simon, from the State of Ohio.

The election of officers of the Ministerium was held.

Dr. Just. Heinrich Christian Helmuth was elected President for the coming year, and Mr. Jacob Goering, Secretary.

The written reports handed in were presented and noted.

Report was made of the Special Conferences :

1. In the Philadelphia District there was no conference.
2. In the Eastern District a conference was held. Sermons and edifying discussions were held.
3. In the Lancaster District a conference was held. Its record has been presented to the Synodical Meeting.
4. In the Yorktown District no conference was held.
5. In the Baltimore District a conference was held, and the members edified themselves.
6. Of the Western District, no report has been received.
7. In the Virginia District a conference was held. Its record is printed.

A letter from Doctor Mühlenberg to the President, and the record of the Special Conference in the Lancaster District were read. Motion: That the titles of the pastors now appearing in the Constitution be changed, so that there may be three orders, viz.: Catechists, Diaconi, Pastores. *Resolved*, That this motion be referred to the Ministerial Meeting; there it was forgotten!

A letter from Weinrich's Church, in Dauphin County, was read ; containing a petition that it might be served by Mr. Petersen. Mr. Ernst said that he was content that Mr. Petersen should serve it. The Synod resolved to grant this petition, in case Mr. Petersen's license was renewed.

A complaint from Loudon County in Virginia, against Mr. Georg Gräber was read. *Resolved*, That this complaint be referred to the Special Conference in the Baltimore District, to which Rev. Mr. Gräber belongs ; that the letter of complaint be handed to Rev. Mr. Kurz, who shall give Mr. Gräber timely notice of it, and shall lay it before the Special Conference ; and that Mr. Lochmann also write to the complainants concerning it.

The session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH, P.M.

A letter from the United Congregations in Whitpain, Gwynedd and Hilltown in Montgomery County, brought by Messrs. Heinrich Hallman, Jacob Schwenck and Johannes Brunner. They have called Mr. J. Rebenack as their preacher, and ask for the approval of the Synod. *Resolved*, That the resolution of last year, referring to Mr. Rebenack, be copied and given the delegates from Whitpain, etc., and that it be left to the congregations named to do as they considered best.

A letter from Philadelphia, signed by Messrs. Lorenz Seckel, George A. Becker, Johannes Graff, P. Mühlenberg [Gen. Peter Mühlenberg], with various printed documents referring to the same matter was read. In the letter questions were put to the Synodical Meeting, of which the following were of real importance :

"1. Whether the Lutheran Congregation which built the church acts unwisely, in permitting worship and instruction in the language of the country along side of the German, if it once has called itself a German congregation?"

"2. Which is the more advisable, that this congregation remain united as hitherto, or that it be divided into two entirely distinct parts?"

Sound reason and honest conscientiousness can answer these questions without the assistance of a Synodical Meeting. Where the use of two languages in one congregation has become necessary, the congregation must divide and form two congregations, or parties will arise, which continually will provoke and vex each other. But this easy and obvious truth seemed to have been concealed from the eyes of the questioners. This blindness, may possibly be due to the fact, that they conceived a shocking opinion of the Germans, who come into this land of milk and honey. Their idea of them is expressed as follows :

"If our descendants receive no instruction in the language they understand, they cannot be confirmed or become members of the congregation, and so the newly arrived Germans and Hollanders, who were picked up in the houses of correction in Amsterdam and transported to Baltimore and other places, would have better chance of becoming members of the congregations than our children and children's children."

The motion was made and seconded: That a committee be chosen to deliberate upon the present matter concerning the use of the German and English languages in German churches, and report to the Synod. This was approved, and Messrs. Melsheimer, Kurtz, Geissenheiner, Plitt, Goering, Krebs, Schmucker, Beil, Ledder were appointed to be this committee.

The session was closed with prayer. This evening Mr. Knoske preached.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH, A.M.

Opened with prayer.

The above-named committee brought in its report, of which the following is a copy:

"GERMANTOWN, June 11, 1805.

"The committee named to suggest general principles, according to which the Synod should act in disputes concerning the English and German languages, met at six o'clock in the parsonage, and chose Rev. Mr. Melsheimer chairman, and Rev. Mr. Plitt secretary. They agreed to present the following propositions to the Reverend Synodical Meeting:

"1. That the present Lutheran Ministerium in Pennsylvania and the adjacent States must remain a German-speaking Ministerium, and that no regulation can be adopted, which would necessitate the use of another language besides the German in its Synodical Meetings and business.

"2. That English-speaking Lutherans who do not understand the German service may form themselves into separate congregations.

"3. Should such English Lutheran congregations be established, the German Lutheran Ministerium regards their members as its brethren, and is willing to recognize their delegates, and also, after examination, their preachers, as members of the Synod, if they submit to its order, and attend the Synodical Meetings."

The first of the above propositions was read, and it was moved and seconded: That it be accepted without change. This was unanimously agreed to.

The second was read, and it was moved that it be accepted without change. Unanimously agreed.

The third was read, and the motion made: That it be accepted without change. This also was unanimously agreed to.

It was now moved: That the above three propositions in the report of the committee be regarded as a supplement to our Constitution, and be added to it. Unanimously adopted.

Moved: That the entire Synod form itself into a committee of the whole, and have the entire letter which some members of the congregation in Philadelphia had handed to the Synod read, and take it up *seriatim*. This was unanimously agreed to.

The business thus determined upon was immediately taken up and transacted.

A committee was appointed to prepare an answer to the letter which some members of the congregation in Philadelphia had handed to the Synod, and to present it to the Synod. Messrs. Melsheimer, Endress, Kurz, Goering, Frey and Beil were named as the committee.

The session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH, P.M.

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Schmidt, who is still serving as Treasurer of last year, remains Treasurer this year also.

The list of baptised, etc., was handed in, and follows, opposite the names of the various preachers:

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Funerals.	Schools.
Mr. Schultz	—	—	—	—	—
“ Helmuth	—	—	—	—	—
“ Schmidt	—	—	—	—	—
“ Muehlenberg, D.D. . .	149	61	453	40	1
“ Lehman	155	79	797	39	7
“ Goering	134	87	344	—	5
“ Melsheimer	84	57	346	35	2
“ Kurtz	126	21	318	51	1
“ Schaefer	75	35	276	27	2
“ Ernst	103	44	240	18	6
“ F. Geisenheiner . .	151	102	689	26	5
“ Lochman	147	91	674	55	5
“ Schmucker	137	41	410	119	4
“ Jäger	127	65	647	32	4
“ Rothrauff	104	55	211	23	6
“ Endress	168	89	274	38	2
“ Forster	33	—	205	8	2
“ J. Plitt	174	74	539	21	4
“ Grobp	—	—	—	—	—
“ H. Geisenheiner . .	80	25	250	15	2
“ Jasinsky	148	63	183	75	2

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Funerals.	Schools.
Mr. Moeller	—	20	109	31	2
“ Herbst	135	48	298	16	3
“ Stock	—	—	—	—	—
“ Roeller	103	76	505	21	3
“ Buttler	84	—	50	1	2
“ Sanno	368	—	208	37	3
“ Scriba	53	26	66	12	0
“ Knoske	122	45	317	21	5
“ Rehman	88	14	131	10	2
“ F. Plitt	51	25	197	9	3
“ Petersen	117	56	114	32	2
“ Haas	43	22	18	10	0
“ Mensch	78	35	—	7	3
“ Walter	102	—	—	17	1
“ Lange	271	95	203	46	—
“ Flour [Flohr] . . .	115	16	171	6	4
“ Foltz	108	35	207	8	—
“ Stauch	284	8	367	10	—

The contributions for the institution for the education of young preachers were handed to the Treasurer, and were as follows. Handed in by:

	Th.	Cn.
Messrs. Krebs and Lex, from Philadelphia	115	6½
Mr. Kurz, from Baltimore	60	00
“ J. Frey, from Germantown, Frankford and Barren Hill	33	55½
“ F. Geisenheiner, from New Hanover . . . 15 th. } New Goschenhoppen 7 th. }	22	00
“ Ant. Carmine, from Lebanon, Berg and Ziegel church, Campbell's, Bindnagel's and Jonestown	55	3½
“ J. Hehns, from Hagerstown 20 th. 00 cn. } Sharpsburg 7 th. 40 cn. } Funckstown 6 th. 50 cn. } Cannoquocheak . . 8 th. 00 cn. }	46	90
“ Rothrauff, from Greencastle, Emmetstown, Apfel's, Scherer's, Martin's, Falling Spring, Bartle's . . .	47	31
“ Schlouncker, from Pikeland, Eastnantmill, and Amity	22	00
“ Roeller, from Old Goschenhoppen	11	2
“ Knoske, from Jacob's church, Salem's, Zion's, Johannis, and Paulus church	19	23

	Th.	Cn.
Mr. F. Plitt	12	00
“ Mensch, from Springfield 3 th. 00 cn. }	6	16
“ and Keller’s 3 th. 16 cn. }		
“ Walter, from Kaus, Silsgrove, Hessinger’s, Mohr’s and Breirman’s church	15	32
“ Goering, from Creutzkrick 5 th. 91 cn. }	17	37½
“ Schakelin 5 th. 60 cn. }		
“ Quicker’s 5 th. 86½ cn. }		
“ Gräber, from Middletown, etc. 16 th. 47 cn.		
“ Deducted for postage 00 th. 25 cn.		
— — — — —	16	22

The following resolutions were drawn up and approved :

That it be recommended to those congregations which have not yet contributed to the institution, that they collect money for this purpose, and send it to the Treasurer of the Synodical Meeting, Pastor Schmidt in Philadelphia.

That each preacher whose congregation contributed to this fund, thank them most solemnly in the name of the entire Synod. The following day a similar resolution was again passed.

A letter of excuse from Friedrichstown was then read, in which they state the reason why they sent no contribution ; but promise to send one in the future.

A similar letter from Reading was read, and one like it from Lancaster, in English, only with this difference, that this congregation does not consider it advisable to contribute anything, unless young men be educated so as to be able to preach also in English.

The session was closed with prayer. This evening Mr. Grob preached on I Cor. 15: 58.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12TH, A.M.

Opened at 8 o’clock with prayer.

It was *Resolved*, That a committee of two preachers and one delegate be named, to confer with a printer concerning the publishing of a Monthly, which shall especially contain extracts from Luther’s writings.

Messrs. Helmuth, Schäfer and Krebs were named a committee to attend to this work.

It was moved and agreed to appoint traveling preachers, who shall make a tour each year.

Moved and agreed, that the congregations in Wallpack, Newton, Knowlton and Hardwick, in Sussex County in New Jersey, shall be visited. Mr. Endress shall visit them.

Resolved, That Mr. Sanno may visit several vacant congregations in his neighborhood, without, however, neglecting his present congregations.

Resolved, That Mr. Knoske shall visit the congregations in Cotovesse, [Catawissa] Sunbury and Mundsens.

Resolved, That one district for a traveling preacher shall be the circuit from the so-called Head of Holston in Virginia, to Knoxville in the State of Tennessee. Mr. Buttler is named traveling preacher for this District.

Resolved, That Mr. Ilgen shall visit the congregations in Bald Castle, Gross Eyland, Buffalo Valley, Düverstown, and two congregations in Fantzes Valley, viz.: Langen's Church and Dubbsen's Church.

Moved, that a traveling preacher be named for the District called New Pennsylvania (in the State of Ohio), from the Capital New Madrid, to Lake Erie. This motion was approved and Mr. Forster was appointed.

Moved, that a traveling preacher be appointed for the District of Wilkesbarre and the neighboring congregations. This motion was approved and Mr. Herbst was appointed.

Resolved, That the visiting preachers be furnished with letters of recommendation to the congregations by the President and Secretary.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary shall give the traveling preachers written instructions.

Resolved, That forty dollars a month be allowed each traveling preacher, and that one month's salary shall be paid in advance.

Resolved, That hearty thanks be rendered by the Synod to each congregation, for the generous contribution, which is intended for the furtherance of the plan for the instruction of young preachers, etc. The liberal givers will be gratified to learn, that three traveling preachers have already been named, who, supported by this contribution, shall visit the forsaken and vacant congregations, and gather congregations.

The committee which had been named, brought in a reply to the letter which some members of the congregations had handed into the Synod. This was read, and considered by the entire Synod. It reads as follows:

GERMANTOWN, June 12th, 1805.

MOST HONORABLE SIRS:

Dear Friends and Brethren:—We, the members of the Synodical Convention, render thanks for the confidence which you show towards the Synod, and make the following reply to your esteemed letter.

I. The Synod recognizes the importance of the relation in which it stands with reference to the Lutherans who speak German, and the

Lutherans who can speak and understand only English; it has therefore, after much meditation drawn up and adopted as part of the Constitution the following resolutions, from which the sentiment of the Synod appears, and which, we hope, will also be approved by all well-disposed persons.

1. That the present Lutheran Ministerium in Pennsylvania and adjoining States must remain a German-speaking Ministerium, and that no arrangement can be accepted which necessitates the use of any other language alongside the German in its Synodical Meetings and transactions.

2. That English-speaking Lutherans who do not understand the German service, may form themselves into separate congregations.

3. Should such Lutheran congregations be established, the German-Lutheran Ministerium regards their members as its brethren, and is willing to recognize their delegates, and, after examination, their preachers, as members of the Synod, if they submit to its order, and attend the Synodical Meetings.

II. And as they have presented questions to us, they will find our answers written in the same order, in which their questions appear. In these we refer to their letter in order to avoid prolixity.

1. We gladly believe that the Gospel is not limited to any of the existing languages; nevertheless, a people may without injustice have a preference for one language, and desire to retain it, especially if it is accustomed to conduct its worship in this language, if it possesses dear, precious, devotional books in that language, and believes other moral advantages to be connected with it.

2. It is certainly nothing harmful if a person understands many languages; but also nothing unchristian if one is prepossessed in favor of the German language, especially if it is the language of his fathers, which they used in their worship of God, and he must fear that his mother tongue might finally be entirely crowded out.

3. Whether a transaction be wise or unwise becomes evident from its fruits and results; where, for example, a congregation is disturbed and divided because of the introduction of a language, there such introduction cannot with good reason be considered as a wise measure.

4. Where a congregation is too large, or cannot agree, reasons may arise which render it advisable for it to separate in two or more congregations. Because of hard-heartedness Moses considered it well to allow separation even between married people, and Abraham said to Lot, Gen. 13: 8 and 9, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me."

5. Where people are able to form themselves into a separate congregation, and can in peace and mutual agreement retain one church in which to conduct their beautiful and beneficent service, they act neither rightly nor kindly if they neglect or even refuse such good opportunity.

6. The expression "German Evangelical Lutheran Doctrine" is unusual, and should any one have used it, it may perhaps have been in opposition to the English Episcopal Church (which many out of ignorance call Lutheran and English Lutheran) or in order to refer to the character and purity of the Evangelical Lutheran doctrine as it first became known among the Germans, and has now so long maintained itself successfully among them.

We know their doctrine, and it is difficult for us to believe that they would obligate a child to remain true to the Lutheran doctrine, if they have made no effort, and have not sought to make clear to it what the Lutheran doctrine is; such reproaches are really sad. Parents who speak German can very easily teach their own language to their children, and it would not be without value: but if they neglect this, and their children therefore receive no such complete instruction, as the children of those who have acted differently, the blame must be laid upon the parents, and not upon the pastors. We flatter ourselves and believe, not without reason, that no Christian denomination has a better system of instruction for children than the German Lutherans, and it is certainly a pity if it is neglected.

If we understand them rightly, they seem to harbor the suspicion against the corporation of their congregations, that they wish to deal treacherously with them. We can find no sufficient ground for such suspicion: besides, the delegates of the Philadelphia congregations have here publicly declared that there is no just reason for it. Furthermore, it is also certain that the offer of the corporation should necessarily have been put into the form of a legal agreement before they, as intelligent men, would have made any sacrifice on account of it. Under such circumstances deceit is not easily possible; nevertheless it is to be regretted that people who should love each other as brethren, when they disagree immediately think evil of each other, and attack one another with accusations.

The desire to accuse the pastors may be common, and many people may be ready with it; but it was nevertheless surprising and mortifying to us to find such in your letter. We cannot account it a crime if a preacher loves his mother-tongue, and exerts himself to retain it, especially if he believes in his heart that this will be an advantage to his religion; but of this, enough.

Your pastors are men, but no wicked men. We know them a long

time already, and have reason to prize them highly. The day will come when the counsel of all hearts will be revealed,—all random accusations must, by their own nature, be referred to that day, on which the Judge will decide, who comes and his reward is with Him, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Upon questions referring to property rights, privileges, or such other inner affairs of a congregation, the Synod cannot enter, because this would be against its purpose. In this matter it refers to the example of the Lord Jesus, who replied to a question of this kind: "Who made me a judge or divider over you?" Luke 12: 14.

The God of peace be with you, and sanctify you and us wholly. So far the answer which was drawn up.

Hereupon it was unanimously *Resolved*, That this answer to the letter of some members of the Philadelphia congregation, drawn up by a committee, and duly deliberated upon by the entire Synod, be entirely approved and accepted, and that the Secretary shall send to the friends in Philadelphia, who sent the letter to the Synod, a copy of this answer from the Protocol.

Hereupon the choice of the next meeting was held. Hagerstown was appointed as the place, and Trinity Sunday as the time of the next Synodical Meeting.

The Synodical Meeting was ended with singing and with earnest and devout prayer, during which the members knelt.

A note will not, we hope, be taken amiss. This Synodical Meeting was one of the most remarkable. Its history is worthy of being preserved for posterity. The ruling presence of the Lord was evident. Earnest and heartfelt prayers—so many men present—and, as is easily imagined, great differences of opinions and inclinations—new and important matters to be treated of—and yet the love of peace prevailed, and all business was transacted with a wonderful harmony and unanimity.

Due praise be to the glory of the Lord.

ACTS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

HELD AT GERMANTOWN.

JUNE 12, 1805, P.M.

1. A letter from Mr. Georg Liebich was read. He is a Lutheran preacher, and asked for assistance to go to the West Indies. The preachers

lifted a collection among themselves for him, which amounted to 17½ dollars.

2. Letters referring to Mr. J. Conrad Walter were read. Testimonials and call for him from the congregations, Selinsgrove, Rows, Hassinger's, Beaverdam, Bauermann and More. Messrs. Dr. Helmuth and Lochman give him good testimonials. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Lochman, Schmucker and Endress examine him.

3. *Resolved*, That John Friedrich Melsheimer, son of Rev. Mr. Melsheimer, be recognized by the Ministerium as a catechist.

4. Letters from the congregations in Huntingdon, Weigemerck, Spruce Creek, Obwall Township, Tyrone Township, were read. Call and testimonials for Mr. Friedrich Haas. *Resolved*, That a full candidate's license be granted him.

5. Letters from the congregations, Keller's, Tinicum, Nockamixon and Springfield. Call and testimonials for Mr. J. Nicolaus Mensch. *Resolved*, That a full candidate's license be granted him.

6. Letter from Mr. Joh. Daniel Dickhand, school-teacher in Germantown. His son desires to study theology. *Resolved*, That he be advised to continue his studies, and receive instruction from Rev. Mr. Schmucker.

7. Letters, testimonials and call for Mr. David Kessler, in Cumberland County. Mr. Kessler could not be present because of sickness. *Resolved*, That this matter be referred to the President and Secretary.

8. Letters, testimonials and call for Mr. Joh. Paul Ferdinand Cramer, from the congregations, Lykensthal, Hochwerthers, Mahanoy. *Resolved*, That after due examination, a catechist's license be granted to Mr. Cramer.

9. Letters from Bucket's Creek and Canshannick Creek for Mr. Adam Ahns.

10. *Resolved*, That Mr. Walter be licensed a candidate.

11. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Johannes Herbst, Friedrich Möller, Johann Georg Buttler and Johann Georg Roeller shall be ordained.

The Ministerial Meeting was closed with singing and prayer.

The ordination took place in the evening in the church.

This is witnessed by

J. HEINR. CH. HELMUTH,
President.
JACOB GOERING,
A. t. Secretary.

FIFTY-NINTH CONVENTION.

1806.

ACTS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

HELD AT ELIZABETH, OR HAGERSTOWN, IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, ON
JUNE 1ST AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS, A.D. 1806.

On Sunday, June 1st, the Evangelical Lutheran church in Hagerstown was consecrated. On the Saturday preceding, Mr. Adolph Spindler preached on Acts 15: 9. On Sunday morning Dr. Helmuth preached in the Lutheran church on Haggai 2: 20; Mr. Daniel Kurtz in the Reformed church, on I Thess. 5: 9. In the afternoon, Dr. Mühlenthal in the Lutheran church, on II Pet. 1: 10. In the Reformed church, Mr. Georg Lochmann, on Mark 7: 34, 35. In the evening, Mr. F. D. Schaeffer, on Jude 5: 20, in the Lutheran church.

JUNE 2D, A.M.

In the morning, at seven o'clock, the preachers assembled in the church, and the contributions to the Synodical Treasury were handed in:

Mr. Adam Kräber, from Yorktown \$22.00

“ Nicolaus Gelwicks, from Hanover:

Hanover £4 6s. 3d.

Ziegler's £3 0s. 6d.

Jacob's £1 15s. 9d.

David's £1 4s. 8d.

£10 7s. 2d. or \$27.63

“ Jacob Embich, from Lebanon:

Lebanon, Bergkirche, Jones-
town, Campbellstown, Ziegel-

kirche and Bindnagel's . . £13 3s. 2½d. or \$35.09½

“ Solomon Hinkel, from New Market . . . 3.12½

Dr. Peter Woltz, from Williamsport. 6.59½

Mr. Thomas Heist:

From Winchester \$15.12½

“ Staufferstown 7.78

“ Pennsbrook 3.38½

“ Neustadt 3.43½

\$29.72½ 29.72½

Mr. Jacob Nees, from Peter's, Solomon's, and Steiner's church		\$15.00
“ Johann Plitt:		
From New Holland	\$8.00	
“ Bergstrasse	8.00	
“ Muddy Creek	10.27	
“ Alleghany	11.02	
“ Forest	6.74	
“ Pequea	8.00	
	\$52.03	52.03
“ Christian Kugel:		
From Middletown	\$2.40	
“ Ringer's	1.51	
“ Geber's	1.51	
“ Trapp	1.90	
	\$7.32	7.32
“ Friedrich Henger, Augusta County (Virg.):		
From Johanniskirche		4.35
“ Georg Flohr, Wythe County (Virg.):		
Greenbriar	\$9.75	
Evansham	8.00	
Kemmerlings	2.75	
Priessens	2.50	
Schnebely's	.50	
	\$23.50	23.50
“ Georg Hahn, York County (Penna.):		
Zion's	\$2.03	
Fissel's	2.08	
Sattler's	2.30	
Schuster's	2.00	
	\$8.41	8.41
“ Johann Knoske (Zion's)	8.50	8.50
“ Conrad Riemann (York County):		
Steltzen's	\$1.50	
Stahley's	5.00	
Frey's	3.00	
Salem's	3.50	
	\$13.00	13.00
“ Adam Mang (Huntingdon)	10.90	10.90

Mr. Nicolaus Mensch:

Springfield	\$2.13
Nocomixon	1.52
Additional	.05

\$3.70 \$3.70

" Georg Kessler (Shamokin):

Rauen's	\$2 50
Selinsgrove	2.75
Beaverdam	5.33
Hassinger's	3.35

\$13.93 13.93

" Adam Weiss, Dauphin Co., Penna.:

Werth's	\$2.50
Hohwerther's	2.00
Fetterhave's	1.23

\$5.73 5.73

" Albrecht Wilh. Ilgen, through Mr. Con. Walter:

Earley's,	\$5.00
Meeting House,	5.00
Aaronsburg,	8.00
Brush Valley,	6.00
Jungmanstown,	10.00
Langstown,	10.00
Dreysbach,	10.00

\$54.00 54.00

" Caspar Dill, through Mr. Christ. Endress:

Mount Bethel,	\$3.01
Hamilton,	1.56
Plainfield,	1.79
Moore Township,	2.22

\$8.58 8.58

" Christian Endress:

Easton,	\$6 00
Williams Township,	6.50
Lower Saucon,	4.86½

\$17.36½ 17.36½

" Georg Buttler, Traveling Preacher 14.69

JUNE 2D, A.M.

Doctor Helmuth opened the Synod with prayer. The election of officers was held. President, J. C. Heinrich Helmuth; Secretary, Jacob Goering; Treasurer, Friedrich Schmidt.

PREACHERS PRESENT.

1. J. C. Heinrich Helmuth, D.D., Philadelphia.
2. Heinrich Mühlenberg, D.D., Lancaster.
3. Christian Streit, Winchester, Virginia.
4. Jacob Goering, Yorktown.
5. Fried. Valentin Melzheimer, Hanover.
6. Daniel Kurtz, Baltimore.
7. Fried. David Schaeffer, Germantown.
8. Wilhelm Zimmermann, Culpepper, Virginia.
9. Paul Hinckel, New Market, Virginia.
10. Georg Lochmann, Lebanon.
11. Georg Schmucker, Hagerstown.
12. Conrad Jäger, Northampton County.
13. Johann Rothrauff, Greencastle.
14. Christian Endress, Easton, without delegates and without an excuse from the congregation.
15. Johann Foltz, Virginia.
16. Wilhelm Forster, Virginia, without delegates and without an excuse from the congregation.
17. Johann Plitt, New Holland, without delegates, but with an excuse from the congregation.
18. Heinrich Aug. Mühlenberg, Reading, without delegates, but with an excuse from the congregations.
19. Johann Stauch, Fayette County.
20. Johann Grobp, Tarrytown.
21. Georg Kräber, Middletown, Maryland.
22. Adolph Spindler, Virginia.
23. Georg Flohr, Virginia, without delegates, with excuse from the congregation.
24. Fried. Wilh. Jasinsky, Friedrichstown.
25. Johann Herbst, York County.
26. Friedrich Moeller, Chambersburg.
27. Joh. Georg Buttler, Fort Cumberland.

CANDIDATES PRESENT.

1. Joh. Fried. Lange, Somerset.
2. Joh. Michael Steck, Greensburg.

3. Carl Stock, without delegates, and without an excuse from the congregation.
4. Friedrich Sanno, Carlisle.
5. Wilhelm Scriba, without delegates, and without an excuse from the congregation.
6. Johann Knoske, without delegates, with an excuse from the congregation.
7. Conrad Riemann, York County, without delegates, with an excuse from the congregation.
8. Joh. Diedrich Petersen, Harrisburg, without delegates, with an excuse from the congregation.
9. Friedrich Haas, Huntingdon.
10. Nicolaus Mensch, without delegates, with an excuse from the congregation.
11. Joh. Conrad Walter.
12. Joh. Paul Ferdinand Cramer.

CATECHISTS PRESENT.

1. Joh. Friedrich Melsheimer.
2. David Kessler.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

1. Friedrich Höckley, from Philadelphia.
2. Jacob Stahl, Lancaster.
3. Thomas Heist, Winchester.
4. Adam Kraeber, Yorktown.
5. Nicolaus Gelwicks, Hanover.
6. Friedrich Bendel, Baltimore.
7. Fried. Julius Schaadt, Culpepper.
8. Solomon Hinckel, New Market.
9. Jacob Embich, Lebanon.
10. D. Peter Woltz, Hagerstown.
11. Johann Haffner, Greencastle.
12. Jacob Nees, Solomon's Church, Virginia.
13. Adam Schaeffer, Monongahela County, Virginia.
14. Jacob Schütz, Taneytown.
15. Christian Kugel, Middletown.
16. Friedrich Henger, Augusta County.
17. Peter Sultzer, Friedrichtown.
18. Georg Hahn, Fissel's, York County.
19. Heinrich Hofmann, Chambersburg.
20. Heinrich Stürtzmann, Fort Cumberland.

21. Johann Gebhardt, Somerset. His credentials were imperfect, but by a majority of votes he was recognized.

22. Jacob Ruch, Greensburg.

23. Johann Kräber was also recognized by vote (from Carlisle).

24. Adam Mang, Huntingdon.

25. Georg Kessler, Middelburg (with Mr. Walter).

26. Adam Weiss, Dauphin County (with Mr. Cramer).

Letters of excuse were sent by: 1. Mr. Johann Ilgen; 2. Mr. Carl Rebenack requested to be received into full membership. Good testimonials from his congregations were added; 3. Mr. Friedrich Plitt.

The reports and papers were handed in. The Protocol of the preceding year was read.

Mr. Peter Sutzer [Sultz] from Friedrichtown reported that there are disputes in the congregation. Messrs. Fr. David Schaeffer, Johann Plitt, Friedrich Höckely, Adam Kräber and Jacob Stahl were named a committee to investigate these troubles.

The reports of the special committees were made:

1. In the Philadelphia District, no conference. 2. In the Easton District, no conference. 3. In the Lancaster District a conference was held at Manheim. The business had for its object the establishment of peace in the congregations. 4. In the Yorktown District, no conference. 5. In the Baltimore District a conference was held. They had edifying discussions and investigated the trouble concerning Mr. Kräber, which was referred to them. 6. In the Western District, no conference. 7. In the Virginia District a conference was held on October 7, 1805.

The printed Protocol was read.

JUNE 2D, P.M.

The session was opened with prayer.

The reading of the Protocol of the Virginia Special Conference was concluded. *Resolved*, That honorable mention of the commendable conduct of the Virginia Special Conference be entered upon the Protocol of the Synod.

The delegates of the congregations in Martinsburg, Shepherdstown and Smithfield, in Virginia, asked for Mr. Joh. Friedrich Melsheimer. *Resolved*, That the Synod is well contented that Mr. Joh. Fr. Melsheimer visit and serve these congregations.

Mr. Jacob Ruch handed in a letter from the congregations in and about Greensburg, in Westmoreland County, Penna. A good testimonial for their preacher, Mr. Joh. Michael Steck. They ask to be permitted to keep him, and that he may remain a member of the Reverend Ministerium.

Mr. Johann Kräber handed in a letter from various congregations in and about Carlisle, Cumberland County, Penna. Good testimonial for their preacher, Mr. Friedrich Sanno.

Papers from Huntingdon, Penna., were handed in. 1. From the Church Council in Huntingdon. Good testimonial for their preacher, Mr. Friedrich Haas. Petition that he may remain with the congregation. 2. From Spruce Creek, of the same contents. 3. From Mr. Johann Verdriess, in Sinking Valley, also of the same contents. 4. From Mifflin County, from Lutheran and Reformed congregations. A good testimonial for Mr. Haas, and a petition to be served by him in the future.

A paper was handed in, sent by the following congregations: Werther church, Upper Paxton, Dauphin County; Höwarder's church, Northumberland County; Fetterhaft's church, Dauphin County; Klinger's church, Dauphin County. Good testimonial for their preacher, Mr. Joh. P. F. Krämer. Petition that he be licensed. Complaint against the Steinthal congregation.

A letter from the Church Council of the congregation at Manheim, in Lancaster County. Petition for a preacher. *Resolved*, If any one is inclined to go there, he shall inform the President of it.

The committee on the Friedrichstown troubles made its report, as follows: "That after impartial investigation of the complaint, they had recommended reconciliation to both parties." Thereupon both parties had testified before the committee that what had happened should be forgotten and never mentioned again. Mr. Zieler is willing to show love and friendship toward Mr. Jasinsky and Mr. Jasinsky promises the same love and friendship toward Mr. Zieler, as toward an honorable and truth-loving man.

A letter from Fincastle, Botetourt County, Virginia. Petition to be visited by a traveling preacher. Also a petition for a preacher. *Resolved*, If any one is inclined to go there he shall inform the President.

A letter from the congregations at the Frieden's, Bender's, Zion's and Arndt's church, in Adams County, Penna. Request that Mr. Sanno may serve them. This petition was not granted. *Resolved*, That the neighboring preachers visit and serve these vacant congregations as much as possible.

A letter from Morrison's Cove, brought by Nicolaus Barley. Request for a preacher.

A letter from Germantown. Request that the Synodical Meeting assemble there. Favorable testimonial for Mr. Schaeffer. Excuse, on account of having no collection for the ministerial treasury.

A letter from St. John's church, in Adams County, brought by

Wilhelm Leitner. Statement: That Mr. Daniel Schroeter has served the congregation since 1782, in peace and with blessing, and that he still serves the congregation. Complaint: That divisions had arisen, because Rev. Mr. Grobp, without the knowledge and consent of Mr. Schroeter, had visited them and preached a sermon on Ascension Day (though Mr. Schroeter had previously announced service for that day), and then again announced services. The elders and various members of the congregation petition that they may be permitted in the future to hold their service in peace, unity and undisturbed quiet. The Synod prepared and passed the following resolution: That Mr. Grobp be advised to abstain from all interference with the said congregation.

A letter from the Church Councils in Upper Milford and Upper Saucon Townships, Northampton County, show themselves satisfied with their preacher, Mr. Fried. Plitt. Notice: That the congregation in Under Milford Township has united with them, and also called Mr. Plitt. Petition: That such election be approved by the Synod.

A letter from Mr. Georg Riemenschneider expresses a desire to study. Asks for assistance.

THE REPORTS HANDED IN REGARDING THE NUMBER OF BAPTIZED,
ETC., DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR.

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Deceased.	Schools.]
Philadelphia . . .	357	65	859	184	3
Lancaster	159	63	520	38	1
Mr. Streit	69	8	119	17	1
“ Göring	144	163	506	—	6
“ Melsheimer . .	85	77	483	17	2
Baltimore	134	—	214	58	1
Mr. Schaeffer . .	129	43	405	29	2
“ Zimmermann .	82	22	258	16	1
“ Lochmann . .	163	100	701	53	6
“ Schmucker . .	91	53	202	34	4
“ Rothrauff . .	84	107	353	7	2
“ Jager	136	88	659	33	5
“ Endress . . .	154	124	632	60	2
“ Foltz	73	33	310	15	4
“ Forster . . .	120	26	177	2	2
“ Plitt	161	100	657	37	4
“ Mühlenberg .	170	58	230	18	1
“ Stauch . . .	277	—	448	10	4
“ Grobp	115	60	503	13	3

	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communi- cants.	Deceased.	Schools.
Mr. Kräber . . .	68	67	158	34	6
" Spindler . . .	60	36	166	10	3
" Flohr . . .	122	34	138	12	4
" Jasinsky . . .	149	82	254	65	—
" Herbst . . .	115	67	287	17	3
" Moeller . . .	96	20	95	25	2
" Buttler . . .	59	35	137	2	1
" Lange . . .	210	60	220	36	2
" Steck . . .	246	63	500	27	3
" Stock . . .	39	—	37	9	—
" Sanno . . .	193	83	233	23	3
" Scriba . . .	30	12	26	8	—
" Knoske . . .	137	59	376	44	6
" Riemann . . .	104	53	206	14	2
" Petersen . . .	134	28	129	42	2
" Haas . . .	87	78	85	6	1
" Mensch . . .	86	29	152	13	4
" Walter . . .	291	160	662	58	5
" Kramer . . .	143	—	—	9	5
" Fried. Plitt . .	69	51	232	12	5
" Rebenack . . .	31	26	131	6	—

The reports of the traveling preachers were read, viz.: that of Mr. Forster to the State of Ohio, and that of Mr. Buttler to the State of Tennessee.

The following motions were approved:

1. That an extract of the reports of the traveling preachers shall be printed.

2. That four thousand copies shall be printed; each not more than one sheet in size.

3. That the officers of the Ministerium shall attend to this business.

Mr. Paul Hinckel was appointed traveling preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Hinckel shall be allowed forty dollars a month, for the time that he is actually engaged as traveling preacher. This resolution is limited, however, to one year.

Resolved, That the officers of the Ministerium are authorized, if they see fit, to appoint one or two more traveling preachers under the same conditions (as with Mr. Hinckel).

Time and place of the next Synodical Meeting were appointed. Time: Trinity Sunday; place: Lancaster.

After hearty singing and prayer, the Synod was dismissed.

ACTS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD AT HAGERSTOWN,
JUNE 3D, 1806.

JUNE 3 A.M.

In the morning at six o'clock the legacy was distributed. Thirty-one dollars from the treasury were distributed to the widows.

Resolved, That Dr. Mühlenberg and Mr. Streit shall examine Mr. Joh. Fried. Melsheimer.

Resolved, That Doctor Helmuth and Jacob Goering shall examine Messrs. Joh. Michael Steck and David Kessler.

The accounts with the traveling preachers were taken up.

Resolved, That Mr. Johann Stauch shall be paid for his labors outside the congregations he has accepted in the State of Ohio, just as other traveling preachers.

An English letter from Jacob Stout was read. Doctor Helmuth reports, that he had been a Methodist, and was now preaching on his own authority.

Resolved, That Mr. Cramer shall be examined. After he was examined, *Resolved*, That he be admonished concerning his quick temper, and be licensed as candidate.

Resolved, That Mr. Joh. Fried. Melsheimer be granted a full license as candidate.

The request of the congregation in Unter Milford Township, Bucks County, to be served by Mr. Friedrich Plitt, was granted.

Resolved, That Mr. Joh. Michael Steck shall be ordained this evening.

Resolved, That Mr. Nicolaus Mensch shall be brought to trial on account of his conduct.

The session was closed with prayer.

JUNE, 3 P.M.

After solemn prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the case of Mr. N. Mensch was taken up. *Resolved*, That Mr. Georg Lochmann and Mr. Fried. David Schaeffer, together with Mr. Christian Endress, visit the congregation of Mr. Nicolaus Mensch; that he in their presence and according to their directions, confess his error publicly in the church, and apologize before the assembled congregation; if the congregation forgives him, the Ministerium will also forgive him.

The candidates handed in their writings: Joh. Mich. Steck handed in the license and one sermon; Carl Stock, license; Fried. Sanno, license and one sermon; Wilh. Scriba, license and journal; Joh. Knoske, sermon and journal; Can. Riemann, license and one sermon; J. Died.

Petersen, license and one sermon; Fr. Haas, license and one sermon; Joh. Con. Walter, license, sermon and journal; Joh. Paul Ferd. Cramer, license, sermon and journal; Nic. Mensch, license, sermon and journal; Johann Lange, license.

The licenses of the following candidates were again renewed:

Mr. Carl Stock, Fried. Sanno, Wilh. Scriba, Can. Riemann, J. D. Petersen, Fr. Haas, J. Con. Walter, Mr. J. P. Ferd. Cramer, were licensed as candidates.

The President closed the Ministerial Meeting with prayer, and in the evening, Mr. Joh. Mich. Steck was solemnly consecrated to the ministry in the church.

This is witnessed by

J. HEINR. CH. HELMUTH,
President.
JACOB GOERING,
P. t. Secretary.

SIXTIETH CONVENTION.

1807.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL MEETING, WHICH
WAS HELD ON MAY 25TH, 1807, AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS,
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER.

Early on Sunday all the preachers met in the parsonage, and went to the church, where Dr. Helmuth preached to a large congregation. In the afternoon, Daniel Kurtz preached, and in the evening, Rev. Schmucker, from Hegerstadt, in the Lutheran Church. On the same day, Rev. Mr. Endress preached in the Reformed Church in the morning.

A. M.

Early on Monday, May 25th, the preachers, candidates, catechists and the delegates of the congregations assembled in the school-house, and Dr. Helmuth, as President, opened the Synod with an earnest prayer.

ORDAINED PREACHERS PRESENT WERE :

1. Emanuel Schulze, Sen., Tulpehocken, without a delegate, but with excuse.
2. J. Henrich Helmuth, } Philadelphia, with a delegate.
3. J. Friedrich Schmidt, }
4. Dr. Henrich Mühlenberg, Lancaster, with a delegate.
5. Christian Streit, Winchester, without delegate and without excuse.
6. Jacob Goering, Yorktown, with a delegate.
7. F. Val. Melzheimer, Hanover, without delegate and without excuse.
8. Daniel Kurtz, Germantown, without delegate and without excuse.
9. F. David Schaeffer, Baltimore, without delegate and without excuse.
10. Paul Hinkel, New Market, without delegate and without excuse.
11. F. Wilhelm Geisenheiner, New Hanover.
12. Georg Lochmann, Lebanon.
13. Georg Schmucker, Hegerstadt.

14. C. Jäger, Hanover Township, without delegate and without excuse.
15. Christian Endress, Easton.
16. Joh Carl Dill, Whitehall, without delegate and without excuse.
17. Johannes Plitt, New Holland.
18. Johannes Grob, Taneytown.
19. Georg Kräber, Middletown, without delegate, but with excuse.
20. Johannes Herbst, York County.
21. F. Wilhelm Jasinsky, Friedrichsstadt.
22. Johannes Roeller, without a delegate.
23. Heinrich Geisenheiner, Vincent Township, without a delegate and without excuse.
24. C. Wilhelm Ilgen.
25. Friedrich Moeller, Chambersburg.
26. Georg Buttler, Fort Cumberland, without delegate and with excuse.
27. Henrich Aug. Mühlenberg, Reading.

CANDIDATES PRESENT WERE:

28. 1. Mr. Carl Stock, without delegate and with excuse.
29. 2. W. Henrich Scriba.
30. 3. Joh. Knoske.
31. 4. Joh. Conrad Walter.
32. 5. J. Paul Cramer.
33. 6. Friedrich Haas, without delegate and with excuse.
34. 7. J. Nicolaus Mensch.
35. 8. Conrad Riemann.
36. 9. Rev. Sanno came late, without delegate and without excuse.

DELEGATES PRESENT WITH CREDENTIALS.

1. Georg Krebs, from Philadelphia.
2. Friedrich Hekle, Philadelphia.
3. Jacob Stahl, Lancaster.
4. Michael Moser, Lancaster, but without a vote.
5. Martin Ebert, York.
6. Valentin Beyer, New Hanover.
7. Georg Scheetzer, Lebanon.
8. Henrich Storzman, Hegerstadt.
9. Friedrich König, Easton.
10. Jacob Ringwalt, New Holland.
11. Ludwig Keselring, Taneytown.
12. Conrad Schwartz, York County, etc.

13. Andreas Hetzler, Woodsbury.
 14. Christian Spengler, Ilgen's congregations.
 15. Joh. Schneider, Chambersburg.
 16. Friedrich Fritz, Reading.
 17. Jacob Hetzel, Knoske's congregations.
 18. Bernhard Eberhard, Mr. Walter's congregations.
 19. Peter Lindemuth, Maytown.
 20. Christoph Keller, Mr. Mensch's congregation.
 21. Henrich Berkheimer, Riemann's congregation.
- Total ordained preachers, 28 ; candidates, 8 ; delegates, 21.

The following preachers and candidates sent letters of excuse : 1. Dr. Kuntze, of New York ; 2. Mr. Stauch, from Ohio, also sent his journal as traveling preacher ; 3. David Kesler excused himself ; 4. Mr. Rothrauff excused himself.

Preachers absent were : 1. Mr. Petersen excused ; 2. Rev. Mr. Lehman, without excuse ; 3. Mr. Zimmerman, without excuse ; 4. Mr. Spindler.

The election of officers was held—Jacob Goering was elected President ; Daniel Kurtz, Secretary ; F. Schmidt, Treasurer.

Hereupon the following papers were handed in, and the Protocol of the preceding year was read.

1. A letter from Dr. Kuntze, of New York.
2. A letter from Rockingham, Virginia.
3. A letter from North Carolina.
4. A letter from Mr. Steck.
5. A letter from the Johannes Church.
6. A letter from Abbetstown.
7. A letter from Loudon County, Virginia.
8. An address from Philadelphia.
9. A letter from Woodsbury.
10. Johannes Keller announced that he had a private matter to bring up.
11. A letter from Friedrichsstadt.
12. A letter from Maytown.
13. Letters from Wood-Coch Valley testify to their satisfaction with Mr. Haas.
14. A letter from the State of Ohio requests for a visit by traveling preachers.
15. A letter from Rev. Mr. Rothrauff.
16. Letters from Mr. Retz.
17. Documents referring to the Lykensthal affairs.

18. Letter of excuse from Mr. Flohr.
19. Letters from Mr. Grob's congregations.
20. Journal of the traveling preacher, Mr. Stauch, and excuse.
21. Letters from Ohio State. Ask to be visited.
22. Letters from Mr. Peterson, of Harrisburg. Excuses himself.
23. Letters referring to Mr. Ilgen, in which the people testify to their satisfaction with him.

The reports of the District Meetings were presented :—

1. Of the Philadelphia District, no report was sent.
2. From the committee of Springfield, a written report was handed in by Rev. Mr. Endress regarding Mr. Mensch, that everything had been arranged to the satisfaction of both parties. Mr. Mensch confessed and apologized for his act publicly before the congregation, asked to be forgiven and promised genuine improvement before God. The congregation forgave him and recognizes him as its preacher. The Ministerium expresses its satisfaction.
3. The Lancaster District made no report.
4. The York District made no report.
5. The Baltimore District reported that they had met at Greencastle and had spent the time in edifying theological discussions.
6. The Western District made no report.
7. The Virginia District sent its printed transactions. They were read, and it was unanimously resolved that these transactions be honorably mentioned in the Protocol, and the brethren be requested to continue their praiseworthy efforts.

Resolved, That Dr. Helmuth prepare an essay in reference to a report (which was appended to these transactions) of the origin and development of the German congregations in North Carolina, which essay is to be sent to the pastors in that place for their encouragement, and is to be signed by the President and the Secretary. Approved and carried out.

8. The Eastern District hands in a report, that a young man named P. Heinrich Mattes applied to be admitted to the ministry.

The list of the baptized, confirmed, etc., by the various preachers, was handed in :

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Sch'ls.
Dr. Helmuth, Philadelphia }	405	73	927	178	4
Mr. Schmidt, " }					
Dr. H. Mühlenberg, Lancaster . . .	175	63	420	27	1
Mr. Streit, Winchester	68	—	81	17	1
" Goering, York	212	69	411	—	—

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Sch'ls.
Mr. Melsheimer, Hanover	—	—	—	—	—
" Kurtz, Baltimore	130	38	295	57	1
" Schäfer, Germantown	110	38	247	39	2
" Hinkel	—	—	—	—	—
" Geisenheiner, Sen., New Hanover.	188	172	962	26	6
" Lochman, Lebanon	176	108	704	55	7
" Schmucker, Hegerstadt	180	30	305	27	4
" Jäger, Hanover Township	121	87	623	17	8
" Endress, Easton	137	—	314	31	6
" Dill, Whitehall	107	65	236	26	3
" Plitt, New Holland	175	91	602	31	4
" Grob, Taneytown	78	40	250	10	4
" Kräber, Middletown	67	24	125	29	3
" Herbst, York County	191	19	185	18	3
" Stock, York County	47	—	37	5	—
" Steck, York County	206	76	253	31	—
" Geisenheiner, Whitehall	151	126	1106	24	9
" Roeller, Whitehall	109	42	319	17	2
" Jasinsky, Friedrichstadt	164	—	—	75	—
" Ilgen, Friedrichstadt	194	—	139	20	4
" Möller, Chambersburg	81	36	123	29	2
" Butler	41	—	111	8	1
" Scriba	24	33	40	6	—
" Mühlenberg, Reading	99	56	252	19	1
" Knoske	145	—	400	31	5
" Walter	372	103	319	68	3
" Cramer	102	115	273	11	3
" Haas	90	—	60	7	0
" Mensch	97	39	161	15	4
" Riemann	93	—	283	11	2
" Sanno, Carlisle	—	—	—	—	—
" Petersen, Harrisburg	156	—	81	35	2

P.M.

On Monday afternoon the session was opened at the usual place with prayer.

Ad. 1. A letter from Dr. Kuntze was read, in which he regrets that he is deprived of the pleasure of attending the Synod, in which he hopes that the brethren will hold fast to the pure doctrine of Jesus, since apostasy is so generally prevailing in Europe, in which he refers to the Philadelphia congregation, etc.

Ad. 2. A letter from Rockingham County, Virginia, was read, in which request was made for a preacher: *Resolved*, If any preacher is inclined to serve that district as its pastor, he shall inform the President as soon as possible.

3. A letter from North Carolina was read, which describes the sad condition of many congregations which are without preachers—asks for a preacher and promises him an ample salary: *Resolved*, That any preacher who feels inclined, have permission to accept these congregations, and that he shall inform the President.

4. Mr. Steck's letter of excuse was read. He hopes to be excused from this year's Synod, because of the distance, and asks for a certificate of ordination.

5 and 19. Letters from Mr. Grob's congregations, containing in part complaints against him, in part writings in his defence, were read, whereupon it was resolved, that Rev. Messrs. Streit, Lochman and Delegate Mr. Stahl be a committee to investigate the matter and report to the Synod.

6. The letter from Abbotstown was read, in which request is made for Mr. Rehman as their preacher: *Resolved*, That Mr. Rehman may visit the said congregation, and accept it, if he wishes.

Ad. 7, 9 and 11. A letter from Loudon County, Virginia, as also one from Woodsbury, Maryland, was read, in which request is made that Rev. Mr. Jasinsky, with whom they are well satisfied, may remain with them. Also a letter from Friedrichstadt was read, in which complaint is made of a misbehavior of said preacher, and the Synod is requested to investigate the matter.

Resolved, That Revs. Messrs. Schaeffer and Plitt and Delegates Messrs. Ebert, Fritz and König be a committee to investigate this dispute and report to the Synod.

Ad. 8. An address from those in Philadelphia who favor the English was read, in which the Synod is petitioned to mediate in their congregational disputes.

The remainder of this day was spent on this address, but no decision was reached. The evening was come, and after prayer the Synod adjourned.

In the evening the elder Mr. Geisenheiner preached in the Lutheran Church.

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH, A.M.

This morning the preachers, candidates, catechists and delegates again met in the schoolhouse and the business was opened with prayer.

The committee concerning Mr. Grobp's affairs in Johannes church reported as follows:

5 and 19. "That it has investigated the complaints made by a number of the members of said congregation, and heard the defence of Mr. Grobp. The committee is of the opinion that the complaints are not sufficiently proved, but that nevertheless there has been error on both sides. It knows of no better advice to give than: That Rev. Mr. Grobp, at the end of his year, for the sake of peace, resign said congregation, in order that it may be free to chose any preacher of the Ministerium as its pastor, whereby it is to be well understood, however, that Rev. Mr. Grobp may be one of the candidates."

This report was approved by the Synod, and resolved, that the decision of the committee be sent to the congregation, which was done.

The committee with reference to the difficulties at Friedrichstadt, with which Loudon County, Virginia, and Woodsbury are united, reports as follows:

"1. That for the past year there has been a latent ill-feeling between some members and the preacher. 2. All parties, the preacher and those adhering to him, as also the members opposed to him, and the country congregations united with them, in which Mr. Jasinsky is in favor, understand that union and the best interests of the congregations can be attained in no better way, than through a peace-loving and capable pious pastor. Mr. Jasinsky and his friends in Friedrichstadt, and the smaller congregations agreed to this, with the condition that Mr. Jasinsky be dismissed honorably [auf schiedliche Art] and in love. 3. Mr. Jasinsky regards the following as the proper method of his dismissal: As soon as his year is up, he will deliver his farewell address, remain in the parsonage until August 1st without being preacher of the place, receive his promised salary, and a testimonial of blameless life and doctrine from the Church Council."

Signed by Mr. Jasinsky, Friedrich Heisle and the committee.

Resolved, that the Synod approve this—which was done—but with the proviso, that in case of need, Mr. Jasinsky be permitted to serve the congregation, and remain in the parsonage without paying rent.

Dr. Helmuth's essay with reference to the congregations in North Carolina was read and approved, whereupon it was resolved to send the same to the German Lutheran Ministerium of that district, and to have it signed by the President and Secretary.

Ad. 9. The matter of the Philadelphia address was again brought up, and after both parties were heard with patience and charity, the Synod perceived that in the present state of affairs no mediation was possible.

It was therefore moved and resolved, "That, as the delegates from Philadelphia had addressed the Synod courteously, a courteous answer be made them, and that the Synod knows no better advice than that

already given in Germantown ; and that, since this advice was not followed, the Synod can have nothing further to do with the matter ; but addresses its most fraternal requests and admonitions to both parties to make peace among themselves." This answer was presented to the delegates, and a copy of this resolution was given to both parties.

Pastor Schmidt, as Treasurer, rendered an account of the receipts and expenditures of the money in the treasury of the Synod, and, as this account was found correct, it was signed by the President and the Secretary.

Resolved, That a brief abstract of the reports of the doings of the traveling preachers be printed and distributed in the country by the preachers.

Further *Resolved*, That Dr. Helmuth, assisted by the traveling preachers, shall attend to the preparation and printing of this brief report.

It was noticed with regret, that the arrangements [Institute] concerning the traveling preachers, etc., are not supported and advanced with the zeal which the importance of the matter seems to demand. Hereupon it was resolved that the President urgently exhort all the preachers and the delegates present, that in the future they earnestly recommend and praise the Institute in their congregations, in order that it may not prove an entire failure.

Further *Resolved*, That this admonition shall be appended to the report of the traveling preachers, in order that in future this institution may be carried on more zealously, and that larger and more liberal contributions may be gathered in the congregations.

The session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 26TH, P.M.

Ad. 10. In reference to the private matter, which Joh. Keller, of Strasburg, had reported concerning Mr. Herbst, Messrs. Rev. Dr. Schaeffer, Joh. Stahl and Lud. Kesselring, delegate, were named a committee to hear the complaint and report to the Synod.

Ad. 20. A part of the journal handed in by Preacher Stauch was read, from which it appears that he traveled 1300 miles, preached 67 times, baptized 212 children, and received on this journey \$42.98. He traveled about 122 days, and in consideration of this the Synodical Treasury owes to Mr. Stauch the sum of \$162.67.

Mr. Hinkel read a part of his journal, from which it appears that he traveled 128 days in the service of the Synod, and baptized 158 children, and received \$106.05 on this journey.

Rev. Mr. Enders and the delegates, Messrs. Scheezer and Beyer,

were appointed a committee to audit these accounts of the traveling preachers.

Concerning Mr. Stauch's accounts, the committee remarked that an error had crept in through an oversight. The account stands as follows: Mr. Stauch hands in the sum of \$42.98, and says in his report that in addition to this he collected in his congregations, for the Traveling Institute, \$22.50, making \$65.48. Mr. Stauch's credit with the Synod, \$162.67. Due him, \$97.19.

In relation to Mr. Hinkel's accounts, the committee reports :

Since the Synodical Treasury has been considerably drained by the heavy expenditures of last year, the Synod resolves, that this year only one traveling preacher be appointed, and that Mr. Stauch be this traveling preacher, who is appointed for three months, and that forty dollars be paid him in advance:

The district to be visited by the traveling preacher this year comprises New Virginia, viz.: Rockbridge, Botetourt and Montgomery.

Moved and resolved, that the appointment of the traveling preacher be this time referred to the Ministerial Meeting for special reasons. It is, however, expressly stipulated that the rights of the congregational delegates in future to vote for traveling preachers are not abrogated.—It therefore remains an inalienable right, that delegates shall be entitled to vote with the preachers in the election of traveling preachers.—That this privilege may be retained, this resolution is entered on the minutes.

The Synod is informed that several young men are desirous of devoting themselves to the ministry; namely, Messrs. Heine, Simon and Heinrich Riemenschneider. *Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars from the Synodical Treasury be granted each of these students, to enable them to continue their studies, which sum however, is to be paid to their teachers.

The committee in reference to Joh. Koller's matters, concerning Rev. Herbst, handed in the following report: The committee has read and considered the letter presented, and the points contained in it; the accused has defended himself in such wise, that the committee believes the accused will by the grace of God be careful to live ever more guardedly, and blamelessly as a Christian and a pastor, so that all his efforts in word and life may more and more attain to the extension of true Christianity.—Approved by the Synod.

Resolved, To pay to each of the widows of the preachers, namely, Widows Kurtz, Weinland, Krug, Ernst, Schaum, Ludke and Jung, the sum of five dollars from the Synodical Treasury. The President receives the money, and promises to have it duly paid to the said widows.

Hereupon the time and place of the next Synod were appointed.

Time, Trinity Sunday; place, Lebanon.

The Synodical Meeting was closed with song and prayer.

ACTS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING, HELD IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER, MAY 27TH.

A. M.

Wednesday, May 27th, in the morning, all the preachers assembled in the church, and, after prayer, the Ministerial business was opened.

After due deliberation, the Ministerium resolves, that each applicant for the office of teacher, shall, before being received, hand a brief autobiography to the Ministerium.

		Li- cense.	Ser- mon.	Jour- nal.
1.	Candidate Stock handed in	1	2	3
2.	" Scriba handed in	—	1	—
3.	" Knoske handed in	—	—	—
4.	" Walter handed in	—	1	—
5.	" Kramer handed in	1	1	1
6.	" Haas handed in	1	1	—
7.	" Mensch handed in	—	—	1
8.	" Rieman handed in	1	1	1
9.	" Sanno handed in	—	—	—

The last named was excused because before leaving home, he did not know whether he could attend the Synod.

Philip Henrich Mattes, who was examined and recommended by the Easton District, applied for admission. Likewise, Philip Jacob Stout.

The Synod resolves, that young Mr. Schaeffer and Mr. Heine be examined by a committee of the Ministerium, and if found qualified, be granted licenses. Dr. Helmuth and Pastor Schmidt were named to examine Mr. Schaeffer, and the officers are to examine Mr. Heine at their convenience.

Rev. Mr. Schmidt and Geisenheiner were appointed to examine Mr. Mattes, and Schaeffer and Melzheimer to examine Mr. Stout.

Henrich Carl Iden applied for admission, but the Ministerium does not wish to have any dealings with him, because his character is not sufficiently known.

The preacher, Mr. Meyer, from Canada, as a former member of the New York Ministerium, applies to be admitted into the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

Resolved, That Mr. Aug. F. Meyer, as others in previous years be

regarded as a friend, without being an actual member, and that congregations united with us have full permission to accept him as pastor, without acting against our Constitution. We have looked over his papers, and have no doubt as to the correctness of his ordination, etc. A copy of this was given him.

Ad. No. 16. A letter from Mr. Ritz, of Waldburg, [Waldboro', Me.], New England, was read, in which he petitions that he be permitted to perform all *actus ministeriales*.

Resolved, To grant this petition and have a certificate to this effect prepared and signed by the officers.

The morning session was closed with prayer.

P. M.

On Wednesday afternoon the members of the Ministerium again assembled in the church, and after prayer, continued their business.

Pastor Schmidt and Geisenheiner, as the committee which examined the applicant Mattes, testified to their satisfaction with his knowledge of languages and theology, and gave it as their judgment, that he receive a license as a catechist. Approved and granted.

Pastor Melzheimer and Schaeffer as the committee which examined the applicant Stout, testify that he gives evidence of Christian experience, but is rather deficient in theology. They propose that he be granted a license as candidate, to be traveling preacher in the Virginia district; namely, Rockbridge, Botetourt, Montgomery. Granted.

Pastors Endress and Lochmann, as the committee which examined the sermon and the diary of the candidate, Mr. Knoske, testify to entire satisfaction with them. (They therefore propose to the members of the Ministerium, that in case he be regularly married, his license be renewed. Approved.)

These same gentlemen, who examined the sermon of the Candidate Rieman, testify that his sermon is good and edifying. His license is renewed.

The sermon of Candidate Scriba was also examined by these gentlemen and found to be thorough. *Resolved*, That his license be renewed.

Rev. Messrs. Schmucker and Jasinsky are appointed to investigate the conduct of Messrs. Cramer and Scriba in reference to a scandalous transaction in Manheim, and report to the Ministerium.

The candidate, Mr. Mensch, handed in only his diary; his license shall be renewed.

Rev. Mr. Schmucker commended Candidate Haas, that the sermon which was given him for examination was thorough. His license is renewed.

The candidate, — Sanno, again satisfactorily excused himself for not having a sermon, his diary, etc., and promises to send them to the President. His license shall be renewed.

Ad. 12. *Resolved*, That Candidate Cramer serve the following congregations until May 27, 1808, namely, Hummelstown, Maytown, Elizabethtown and Columbia.

Ad. 17. That Candidate Walter serve St. John's Church and Wirth's Church until May 27, 1808.

The President gave all the candidates their renewed licenses, with the best wishes.

Hereupon the Ministerial Meeting was closed with a hymn and devout [prayer] by —

This is witnessed.

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SIXTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

1808.

(LEBANON).

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12TH, 1808, AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS, IN THE CITY OF LEBANON, DAUPHIN COUNTY.

On Sunday morning, June 12th, all the preachers and the delegates of the respective congregations assembled in the parsonage and went to the church, where Dr. Helmuth preached to a numerous assembly on John 10: 1 sq. On this same morning Rev. Schäfer preached in the Reformed Church, in the afternoon Rev. Kurtz preached on John 14: 23, and in the evening Rev. Jäger on Gal. 6: 15 sq.

Monday, June 13th, A.M., the preachers and delegates gathered in the church, as they had been invited to do, and after the Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. Kurtz, the President having departed in death, the business was opened in the name of the Lord.

THE ORDAINED PREACHERS PRESENT WERE:

1. Pastor Emanuel Schulze, Senior, from Tulpehocken.
2. Dr. Henrich Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
3. Pastor Friedrich Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
4. Dr. Henrich Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
5. Pastor Val. Melsheimer, from Hanover.
6. “ Daniel Kurtz, from Baltimore.
7. “ David Schäfer, from Germantown.
8. “ Daniel Lehman, from Misillum.
9. “ Lochman, from Lebanon.
10. “ Schmucker, from Hegerstadt.
11. “ Jäger, of Northampton County.
12. “ Rothrauf, from Greencastle.
13. “ Dill, from Plainfield.
14. “ Endress, from East Town.
15. “ Plitt, Sr., from New Holland
16. “ Herbst, from Fisel's Church.

17. Pastor Jasinsky, from Pikeland.
18. " Geisenheiner, from Whitehall.
19. " Röllner, from Goschenhoppen.
20. " Ilgen, from Aaronsburg.
21. " Möller, from Chambersburg.
22. " Butler, from Fort Cumberland.

CANDIDATES PRESENT WERE :

1. Mr. Stok, from Katawissen.
2. " Sanno, from Carlisle.
3. " Knoske, from Manheim, Berks County.
4. " Scriba, from Moheim, Lancaster County.
5. " Walter, from Middleburg.
6. " Petersen, from Harrisburg.
7. " Cramer, from May Town.
8. " Mensch, from Springfield.

CATECHISTS PRESENT WERE :

1. Mr. Schäfer, Jr., from Whitpen.
2. Mr. Heine, from Bauer's Church, and, finally, the traveling preacher, Mr. Staut.

Ordained preachers absent were : 1. Pastor Streit, from Winchester, Virginia, without an excuse. 2. Pastor Hinkel, from New Market, without an excuse. 3. Pastor Zimmerman, from Culpepper, with excuse. 4. Pastor Geisenheiner, Sr., who moved to New York. 5. Pastor Foltz, from Rockingham County, without an excuse. 6. Pastor Forster, from State of Ohio, without an excuse. 7. Pastor Grobp, from Taneytown, without an excuse. 8. Pastor Greber, from Middletown, with excuse. 9. Pastor Spindler, from John's Church, Virginia, without an excuse. 10. Pastor Flor, from Eversham, Virginia, without an excuse. 11. Pastor Steck, from Greensburg, without an excuse. 12. Pastor Stauch, from Lisburn, Ohio, with excuse. 13. Pastor Mühlenberg, Jr., from Reading, excused.

Candidates absent were : 1. Mr. Lange, from Berlin, with excuse. 2. Mr. Haas, from Huntingdon, with excuse. 3. Mr. Riemann, from Abbotstadt, with excuse. 4. Mr. Kessler, from Cumberland, with excuse.

DELEGATES PRESENT WITH WRITTEN CREDENTIALS OF LEGITIMATION.

1. Mr. Christian Bey, from Tulpehocken.
2. " Peter Lex, from Philadelphia.
3. " Georg Rahn, from Philadelphia.
4. " Peter Schendele, from Lancaster.
5. " Anton Hinkel, from Hanover.
6. " Johannes Meyer, from Misillum.
7. " Philip Horn, from Baltimore.
8. " Johannes Stöber, from Lebanon.
9. " Johannes Bardt, from Hegerstadt.
10. " Henrich Jung, from Hanover, Northampton County.
11. " Peter Schall, from Plainfield.
12. " Johannes Barnet, from East Town.
13. " Johannes Winters, from New Holland.
14. " Johannes Bartner, from Fissel's Church.
15. " Georg München, from Aaronsburg.
16. " Joseph Egolf, from Carlisle.
17. " Jacob Emmerich, from Manheim, Berks County.
18. " Georg Merkle, from Middleburgh.
19. " Georg Jans, from Harrisburg.
20. " Jacob Schäfer, from Maytown.
21. " Valentin Opp, from Springfield.

Total preachers present, 22 ; absent, 13.

Candidates and catechists present, 10 ; absent, 4, and delegates present, 21.

Hereupon the annual election of officers was held, and it was found that Dr. Henrich Mühlenberg, of Lancaster, had a majority of votes for President. Pastor Dr. Kurtz, of Baltimore, for Secretary. Pastor Friedrich Schmidt, of Philadelphia, for Treasurer, and these were duly recognized by the Synod as its duly elected officers.

The Treasurer, Pastor Schmidt, then reported that the receipts during the past year for the fund for the support of traveling preachers, the education of young preachers and the aid of preachers' widows amounted to \$784.17½, and the expenditures to \$644.37, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$139.80½.

The accounts of the Treasurer were audited by Rev. Mr. Plitt and Peter Bey, and as they found them correct, the accounts were signed by the officers.

The following contributions were gathered in the various congregations for the treasury and handed to the Treasurer :—

Namely : 1. From Philadelphia	\$152.95
2. " Lancaster	20.00
3. " Germantown	4.22
4. A present from Mr. Joh. Meyer, of Hamburg	5.00
5. From the congregation at Lebanon } and the congregations united with it }	24.00
6. From Hegerstadt	47.11
7. " Greencastle	18.75
8. " Plainfield	7.12
9. " East Town	5.00
10. " Aaronsburg	28.70
11. " Fort Cumberland	8.91
12. A present from Joseph Egolf, from } Rev. Sanno's congregation in Carlisle }	6.00
13. From Manheim, Berks County . . .	6.00
14. " Manheim, Lancaster County .	11.70
15. A present from Rev. Walter, of Middleburg	5.00
16. From Harrisburg	22.52
17. " Maytown	34.30½
18. Mr. Kessler sent from Christ's Church	10.21

Total \$417.49½

It was moved and seconded that certain amounts be granted the following young men this year out of the Synodical Treasury, to enable them to continue their theological studies, which was approved :

Namely : 1. Mr. Simon, the sum of \$30.00. 2. Mr. Hecht, the sum of \$100.00.

It was suggested and laid before the Synod for consideration : " Whether it might not be useful and advantageous that a young man be specially educated and set apart for the work of a traveling preacher ; or whether another preacher be sent out for this work, as is customary ? " But since this suggestion deserved mature deliberation, it was moved and seconded that this matter be postponed until the afternoon. Approved.

Upon approval of the Synod the following sums from the treasury were granted for the support of the preachers' widows, whose names follow, viz. : To the Widow Kurtz, \$15.00 ; to the Widow Jung, \$15.00 ;

to the Widow Krug, \$15.00; to the Widow Lütke, \$15.00; to the Widow Weinland, \$15.00.

Hereupon the morning session was closed with prayer.

P.M.

On Monday afternoon the transactions again began, after prayer had been offered.

It was moved and seconded, that Mr. Paul Hinkel be the traveling preacher for one year, or until the next Synod, which was approved.—The district which he has to travel over extends only to Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Further, it was moved and seconded, that Mr. Simon, after due examination, if he be found qualified, be the second traveling preacher, whose district shall be restricted to the small towns and northern parts of Pennsylvania and the State of Ohio.

It was, however, distinctly understood that neither of the traveling preachers shall encroach upon any congregations where preachers are already stationed. Approved.

It was thought proper, and therefore moved and resolved, that the traveling preachers consider whatever money they might receive for their labors from the congregations as their property, but that they hand in to the Synod an account of it with their official reports at the next Synodical Meeting, in order that it might thus be known whether and in how far the gifts received by them suffice for their support. Approved.

After this the Protocol of last year's meeting was read, and the following papers were handed in:

1. A letter from Whitpen.
2. " " Gotfried Haga.
3. " " Johannes Fischer.
4. " " the State of Ohio.
5. " concerning taxes on church property in Pennsylvania.
6. " from Crawford County.
7. " " New Hanover.
8. " " Rockingham County.
9. " " Mr. Haas, excusing himself; letter contains his pastoral report.
10. " " " Stauch, excusing himself; letter contains his pastoral report.
11. " " Miami.
12. " " Manheim.

13. A letter of excuse from Mr. Stauch.
14. " from Rev. Kessler's congregation.
15. " " the Fisel's congregation, and other congregations united with it.
16. Testimonials from Mr. Steck's congregations.
17. " " Sanno's congregations.
18. Mr. Scriba has something to bring before Synod verbally.
19. A letter from Halifax Township, in which petition is made for Mr. Petersen.
20. } Letters from Mount Joy, Elizabethtown, Maytown, etc., con-
21. } cerning Mr. Cramer.
22. }
23. } Letters from Friedrichstadt, concerning Mr. Schafer, Jr.
24. }
25. Letters from Adams County.
26. " " Macunshy.
27. " " Bender's church.
28. " " Nordkill, Berks County.

The reports of the special meetings were presented.

1. The York District handed in its transactions in writing, referring to Mr. Herbst, and as no complainants were present, it was resolved to let the matter rest.

2. The Lancaster District made a verbal report of its transactions.

3. The District of Virginia handed in a printed report, which was read in part, and with which the Synod expressed its satisfaction.

Ad. No. 1. A letter from Whitpen was read, in which request was made for Mr. Schäfer, Jr., as preacher, but if he could not accept the congregation, they request that another pastor be sent them as soon as possible.

Moved and resolved, that Mr. Scriba visit the said congregations, and if they accept him as preacher, that his license be prepared for this congregation. Approved.

Ad. No. 2. The letter of Mr. Gottfried Haga was read, which referred to family matters.

Ad. No. 3. Contains a request of the Mosheim Society in Philadelphia, that the preachers might exert themselves to recommend a small German children's book in their congregations.

Ad. No. 4. Contains hearty thanks from congregations in the State of Ohio, who thank the Synod, that the traveling preacher, Mr. Paul Henkel, visited them; also the request that the said pastor settle and make his home with them. Whereupon it was resolved, that the traveling preacher, Mr. Simon, shall visit them.

The afternoon session was closed with prayer, and the meeting was dismissed.

This evening Mr. Rothrauff preached on James 2: 21 f.

JUNE 14TH, A.M.

Tuesday morning the Synod was opened with prayer, and the transactions continued.

Ad. No. 6. A letter from Crawford County was read, in which petition is made for a preacher. As no pastor offered to serve this district as preacher, it was resolved, that one of the traveling preachers visit them, and preach the Gospel to them.

Ad. No. 5. Contains a petition to the Assembly of Pennsylvania, that their churches, school-houses, and other real estate [liegende Gründe] belonging to the congregations might not be taxed.

Ad. No. 17 and 27. Letters from Mr. Sanno's congregations were read, in which it is shown that he no longer desires to serve them as preacher, and request is made for another teacher. *Resolved*, That Mr. Scriba visit the congregations, and if they desire him, may accept them.

Ad. No. 8. The letter from Rockingham County urgently petitions for a pastor in that district. Moved and seconded, that Pastor Schmucker answer the congregations in writing, that Pastor Möller will visit them.

Ad. Nos. 10 and 13. Contain reports of Mr. Stauch's labors in his congregations, in which he at the same time requests that Mr. Simon, if he was examined and found capable, might go to the district of Jefferson and Trumbull.

No. 11. A letter from Miami was read, in which request is made that one of the traveling preachers visit them.

No. 14. Contains letters from Mr. Kessler's congregations, which testify to their satisfaction with him as their preacher.

Nos. 20, 21, 22. Contain testimonials of their satisfaction with their preacher, Mr. Cramer.

No. 23. A letter from Friedrichstadt was read, in which report is made, that the congregation called Mr. Schäfer, Jr., as their teacher, and request is made that he be granted a license for the said congregation. Thereupon it was moved and resolved that his license be prepared for this congregation.

No. 25. A letter from Adams County was read, in which request is made that Rev. Mr. Rehman serve the St. John's congregation in the said county as its pastor. Moved and seconded [resolved], that as objections are made, the matter relating to Mr. Rehman be postponed until the Ministerial Meeting. *Approved*.

No. 26. Letters from Macunschy petition for a pastor. *Resolved*, That this matter be decided in the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 28. A letter from Nordkill was read, in which request is made for Mr. Riemenschneider as their preacher. *Resolved*, That this request be referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

The following reports of the number of baptized, confirmed, communicants, deceased and schools were handed in :

		Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Pastor Schultz	Tulpehocken	—	—	—	—	—
Dr. Helmuth	} Philadelphia	441	83	1082	172	4
Pastor Schmidt						
Dr. Mühlenberg	Lancaster	176	63	467	37	1
Pastor Melsheimer	Hanover	115	73	338	27	3
“ Kurtz	Baltimore	150	—	264	57	1
“ Schäfer	Germantown	97	19	224	31	2
“ Lehman	Misillum	198	123	1120	33	7
“ Lochman	Lebanon	184	99	718	41	7
“ Schmucker	Hegerstadt	139	—	348	29	4
“ Jäger	{ Hanover } { Northampton . . }	187	83	567	28	8
“ Rothrauff	Greencastle	91	35	278	9	4
“ Dill	Plainfield	187	63	362	23	4
“ Endress	East Town	—	—	—	—	—
“ Plitt	New Holland	243	391	713	20	4
“ Herbst	Fisel's Congregation	183	70	298	19	4
“ Jasinsky	Pikeland	80	32	138	18	2
“ Geisenheiner	Whitehall	163	69	873	31	9
“ Röller	Goschenhoppen	104	64	401	27	3
“ Ilgen	Aaronsburg	193	56	743	15	7
“ Möller	Chambersburg	88	19	117	19	2
“ Butler	Fort Cumberland	28	53	227	7	—
“ Stok	Catawissa	74	32	84	4	—
“ Sanno	Carlisle	198	63	220	18	2
“ Knoske	Manheim, Berks Co.	165	62	337	19	6
“ Scriba	{ Manheim, Lancas- } { ter Co. }	30	37	86	12	2
“ Walter	Middleburgh	496	127	801	45	6
“ Petersen	Carlisle	184	48	274	29	2
“ Cramer	Maytown	116	65	427	14	4
“ Mensch	Springfield	148	43	188	40	4
“ Stout	Traveling Preacher	—	—	—	—	—
“ Heine	—	—	—	—	—	—
“ Schäfer	Whitpen	25	53	45	6	1

		Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Pastor Kessler . . .	Cumberland . . .	—	—	—	—	—
" Lange . . .	Somerset . . .	202	82	296	32	—
" Stauch . . .	Ohio . . .	323	43	356	11	—
" Haas . . .	Huntington . . .	50	—	30	6	—
" Steck . . .	Greensburg . . .	249	50	454	28	—
" Flor . . .	Wythe County . . .	134	14	103	6	4
" Rehman ¹ . . .		135	63	475	14	4

It was then moved and resolved, that a small pamphlet, similar to that of last year, be prepared, which should give a fuller account of the condition of our German Evangelical Lutheran congregations; that Dr. Mühlberg prepare this paper, attend to the printing, and have 5000 copies printed.

The time and the place of the next Synodical Meeting were then decided upon.

Time, Trinity Sunday; Place, Hanover, Pennsylvania.

The session was closed with singing and prayer.

[MINISTERIAL MEETING.]

P.M.

On Tuesday afternoon the Ministerial Meeting was opened with prayer.

(No. 29. The report of the Special Meeting in the Fisel's congregation again came up, and, after it was read, it was resolved, that this report be laid aside (beigelegt).)

The candidates handed in their papers as follows:

		Licenses.	Sermons.	Diaries.
Candidate Mr. Stock . . .		1	1	1
" " Sanno . . .		—	—	—
" " Knoske . . .		1	1	1
" " Scriba . . .		1	1	—
" " Walter . . .		1	1	1
" " Petersen . . .		1	1	—
" " Cramer . . .		1	1	1

¹Added later.

	Licenses.	Sermons.	Diaries.
Candidate Mr. Mensch	1	1	1
“ “ Rehman	1 and a	“Relation.”	
“ “ Schäfer, Jr.	1	1	1
“ “ Heine excused himself, being ignorant of the rules.			

Pastor Lehman presented the name of Mr. Riemenschneider as an applicant for the ministry. The committee was appointed to look through the sermons and diaries of the candidates, and to examine them.

Pastors Schmidt and Endress were appointed to examine the work of Messrs. Stock and Knoske. They testify to their satisfaction, and recommend that their licenses be renewed.

Pastors Schäfer and Jäger were appointed to examine Messrs. Scriba and Walter, and their work. They testify to their satisfaction, and recommend that their licenses be renewed.

Pastors Schmucker and Lehman were appointed to look over the sermons of Messrs. Cramer and Mensch, and gave judgment that they were good. They recommended the renewal of their licenses.

Dr. Helmuth and Lochman were appointed to examine Mr. Schäfer, Jr., Mr. Heine and Riemenschneider, and testify to their satisfaction.

Pastor Plitt, Ilgen and Rothrauff were appointed to look over the report of the traveling preacher, Mr. Stauch [Stout].

Ad. No. 28 and 12. Contain letters from Nordkill and Manheim, which petition for Mr. Riemenschneider as their preacher. Whereupon it was moved and resolved, to advise the said Riemenschneider to go to the congregation at Nordkill.

Ad. No. 26. Petitions for a pastor for Macunschy. Whereupon it was moved and resolved, that Mr. Heine visit this congregation, and, if he receives a call, that a license be prepared for him for this congregation by the officers in the name of the Ministerium.

Ad. No. 19. Contains a letter from Halifax Township, Dauphin County, in which request is made for Mr. Petersen as their pastor. Moved and resolved, that Rev. Mr. Petersen may accept and serve them.

Ad. No. 16. Contains testimonials of satisfaction from Mr. Stock's congregation.

The New Hanover congregation petitions for Mr. Miller as its preacher. Moved and resolved, that this petition be granted, in case he be found capable, after being examined. Dr. Helmuth and Schmidt in the meanwhile retain the license, and will hand it over to him, if the said Mr. Miller passes his examination.

It was already late when Mr. Rebenak sent a letter to the Synod. *Resolved*, That the President answer it.

Ad. No. 25. The matter regarding Mr. Rehman was further investigated. Whereupon it was moved and resolved, that Mr. Rehman be advised, in the name of the Ministerium, not to accept the congregation at St. John's Church, and that the President give him friendly advice not to go into other pastors' congregations (*fremde Gemeinden*).

The committees express their satisfaction with Messrs. Schäfer, Jr., Heine, Simon and Riemenschneider, and recommend that full license be given them.

The committee passes favorable judgment on Mr. Stout, and advises him that he be a candidate for congregations near Lewistown, for which place license shall be given him by the officers.

Moved and resolved, that Mr. Sanno's license be renewed, if he sends the usual papers, sermons, diary, etc., to the officers, and if they are satisfied with it.

The President then closed the Ministerial Meeting with prayer.

Attested by

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG,
President.

DANIEL KURTZ,
Secretary.

SIXTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

1809.

HANOVER, YORK COUNTY.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL MEETING HELD
AT HANOVER, MAY 28, 1809, AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Early on Sunday morning, the preachers and the delegates of the various congregations assembled, and went in procession to the church, which was to be consecrated.

Pastor Schmidt consecrated the church with an earnest prayer, and named it St. Michael's Church, and Dr. Mühlenberg, Sr., preached the consecration sermon on Acts 10: 34-44. Rev. Mr. Stauch also preached this morning in the Reformed Church, on John 3: 16. In the afternoon, Mr. Lochmann preached in the Lutheran Church, on Luke 23: 24; and in the evening, Mr. Schmucker on II Cor. 5: 19, 20.

On Monday morning, May 29th, the preachers and the delegates upon invitation, arrived at the church, and the President, Mr. Mühlenberg, opened the Synod with prayer, whereupon the transactions began.

THE PREACHERS PRESENT WERE:

1. Pastor Schmidt, from Philadelphia.
2. " Dr. Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
3. " Kurtz, from Baltimore.
4. " Melzheimer, from Hanover.
5. " Schaefer, Sr., from Germantown.
6. " Carpenter, from Culpepper.
7. " Hinkel, from New Market.
8. " Lochmann, from Lebanon.
9. " Schmucker, from Hegerstadt.
10. " Jäger, from Hanover, Northampton County.
11. " Routhrauff, from Greencastle.
12. " Endress, from Easttown.
13. " Plitt, from New Holland.
14. " Grobp, from Taneytown.
15. " Kreber, from Middletown.

16. Pastor Stauch, from State of Ohio.
17. " Herbst, from Fissel's Church.
18. " Moeller, from Chambersburg.
19. " Mühlenberg, Jr., from Reading.
20. " Buttler, from Fort Cumberland.

CANDIDATES PRESENT WERE:

1. Mr. Stock, from Catawissa.
2. " Sanno, from Carlisle.
3. " Knoske, from Manheim, Berks County.
4. " Scriba, from Manheim, Lancaster County.
5. " Walter, from Middleburg.
6. " Petersen, from Harrisburg.
7. " Cramer, from Maytown.
8. " Haas, from Huntington.
9. " Rehman, from Abbottstown.
10. " Melzheimer, from Bender's Church.
11. " D. Schaefer, from Friedrichtown.
12. " Kessler, from Cumberland.
13. " Heine, from Macunshy.
14. " Simon, from State of Ohio.
15. " Riemenschneider, from Nordkill.

CATECHIST PRESENT WAS:

1. Mr. Miller, from Goshenhoppen.

APPLICANTS FOR THE MINISTRY WERE:

1. Mr. Joh. P. Hecht.
2. " Sol, Schaefer.
3. " Wilhelm Petis [Bætis].
4. " Henrich Weigand.
5. " Daniel Ulrich.
6. " Georg Hein.
7. " Friedrich Engel.
8. " Tiedeman.
9. " Wilhelm Meyer.
10. " Ernst.
11. " Friedrich Osterlo.

Preachers absent were: 1. Dr. Helmuth, with written excuse, and recommends the Bible Society to the preachers and delegates; 2. Mr. Streit had himself excused verbally; 3. Mr. Lehman, with verbal ex-

cuse; 4. Mr. Geisenheiner, Sr., with written excuse; 5. Mr. Dill had his absence excused verbally through Mr. Endress; 6. Mr. Jasinsky, no excuse; 7. Mr. Geisenheiner, Jr., no excuse; 8. Mr. Roeller had himself excused verbally through Mr. Schaefer; 9. Mr. Ilgen excused himself neither in writing nor verbally; 10. Mr. Foltz excused himself neither in writing nor verbally; 11. Mr. Forster excused himself neither in writing nor verbally; 12. Mr. Spindler excused himself neither in writing nor verbally; 13. Mr. Flohr excused himself neither in writing nor verbally; 14. Mr. Steck excused himself neither in writing nor verbally.

Candidates absent were: 1. Mr. Mensch excused himself because of sickness; 2. Mr. Lange and 3, the traveling preacher, Mr. Stout, excused themselves neither in writing nor verbally.

DELEGATES PRESENT WITH WRITTEN CREDENTIALS WERE:

1. Mr. Lange, from Philadelphia.
2. " Schindel, from Lancaster.
3. " Sauerwein, from Baltimore.
4. " Schlegel, from Hanover.
5. " Embich, from Lebanon.
6. " New, from Hagerstown.
7. " Schindel, from Greencastle.
8. " Schipman, from Easttown.
9. " Noll, from Taneytown.
10. " Máttes, from Fissel's Church.
11. " Reis, from Fort Cumberland.
12. " Barnitz, from Chambersburg.
13. " Marter, from Carlisle.
14. " Onrich, from Manheim, Berks County.
15. " Walter, from Middleburg.
16. " Schoch, from Harrisburg.
17. " Wolfe, from Maytown.
18. " Schnerr, from Huntington.
19. " Kirshman, from Abbotstown.
20. " Bogen, from Friedrichstown.
21. " Klein, from Macunshy.
22. " Filbert, from Nordkill.
23. " Arndt, from Bender's Church.

Preachers present, 20; Candidates present, 15. Total, 35. Delegates present, 23. Preachers absent, 14; Candidate absent, 3. Total, 17.

The annual election of officers was then held, and after the votes were collected, it was found that

1. Dr. Mühlenberg was elected President.
2. “ Kurtz was elected Secretary.
3. “ Schmidt was elected Treasurer.

The Treasurer, Pastor Schmidt, presented the account of receipts and expenditures of the Synodical Treasury for the last year, from which it appeared that the receipts amounted to \$557.30 and the expenditures to \$206.33, leaving a balance of \$350.97 in the treasury.

Rev. Messrs. Plitt and Endress, and the delegates, Messrs. Lange and Schindel, were named as a committee to examine the accounts, and as they were found correct, the officers signed them.

The following contributions to the Synodical Treasury were gathered this year and handed over to the Treasurer, viz. :

By Mr. Schindel	Lancaster	\$20.00
“ “	Sauerwein	Baltimore 30.00
“ Rev. Melsheimer	Hanover	8.00
“ “	Schaeffer	Germantown —
“ “	Carpenter	Culpepper 29.06
“ Delegates	Lebanon	20.00
“ “	Hegerstown	20.25
“ “	Hanover, Northampton .	21.25
“ “	Easttown	6.00
“ “	Plainfield	4.50
“ Rev. Plitt	New Holland	42.46
“ “	Kreber	Middletown 4.00
“ “	Herbst	Fissel’s Church 13.50
“ “	Möller	Chambersburg 5.00
“ “	Butler	Fort Cumberland 4.70½
A gift from Rev. Sanno and his delegates		6.00
By Rev. Walter	Middleburg	16.25
“ “	Rehman	Abbotstown 19.74½
“ “	“	Zion’s Church 7.02½
“ “	“	Macunshy 19.62½
“ Mr. Riemenschneider, Nordkill		5.05
A gift from Mr. Heine		5.00

The following papers were handed to the Synod :

1. A letter from Whippain, referring to the young Mr. Solomon Schaeffer.

2. A letter from Sunbury
3. " " Lyken's Valley
4. " " Tulpehocken
5. " " Pottsgrove, etc., desire Mr. Hecht as pastor.
6. " " Mr. Engel.
7. " " Falknerschwaunn, asking for Mr. Miller as preacher.
8. " " Morris Cove, referring to Mr. Haas.
9. " " Northumberland, asking for Mr. Heine as preacher.
10. " " Manheim and Weis Eichenland, where Mr. Riemenschneider is desired as preacher.
11. Mr. Onvich has something to remark verbally concerning Mr. Knoske's leaving.
12. Letters from Rockingham County, asking for a preacher.
13. Letter from Mr. Osterlo, who seeks to be received.
14. Letter of excuse from Pastor Geisenheiner, of New York.
15. " " " Dr. Helmuth, of Philadelphia.
16. Letters from Bender's and Arndt's Churches.
17. " " the State of Ohio, asking for Mr. Simon as preacher.
18. " " Washington, Pennsylvania, Pigeon Creek, asking for Mr. Weigand as pastor.
19. " " St. John's Church, concerning disputes (Streitigkeiten).
20. A letter from Mr. Tiedeman, who petitions for aid from the Synodical Treasury, to enable him to continue his studies.
21. A letter from Bern, Berks County.

Ad. No. 5. As the applicant, Mr. Hecht, must leave early on account of the stage, it was moved and resolved that the President should appoint a committee to examine the applicant and report to the Ministerium. Approved.

(The committee consisted of Rev. Plitt and Endress, who examined him in languages, dogmatics, church history, etc., expressed their satisfaction with him, and at the same time proposed that a license for Pottsgrove, etc., be prepared and given him. Approved.) [Cancelled in the Protocol.]

Hereupon the Protocol of last year was read.

As the pamphlet which was appointed to be printed, and which was to contain a relation concerning our Evangelical Lutheran congregations, could not be printed because of the lack of completeness in respect to the congregations, it was moved and resolved that the preachers, when they hand in their official report, at the same time give a list of

the names of all their congregations, and also of the vacant congregations in their neighborhood.

The reports of the Special Conferences were handed in.

1. The Virginia District handed in a printed report, which was read in part. 2. The Baltimore District made a verbal report.

The morning session was closed with prayer.

Monday, P.M., the Synodical business was continued, after prayer.

The letter No. 12, from Rockingham County, was read, in which petition is made for a preacher. Whereupon it was moved and resolved that if a preacher desired to accept the said congregation, he should give notice to the President.

No. 8 was read, in which petition is made that Mr. Haas might serve the congregation in Morris Cove, etc., and other congregations, with preaching. This request was granted. As some complaints were made against Mr. Haas by Huntingdon, but, as it seems, without foundation, it was moved and resolved to leave it to the conscientious judgment of the said pastor, whether he would retain or give up this congregation.

No. 17. Contains letters of thanksgiving from Ohio, thanking that the traveling preacher, Mr. Simon, preached the Gospel unto them, and asking that he be appointed their permanent preacher. Moved and seconded that the request be granted and his license be prepared for this congregation. Approved.

No. 18 was read, in which petition is made that Mr. Weigand might be appointed as pastor in Washington, Pennsylvania,—Pigeon Creek. *Resolved*, That the request be granted; provided Mr. Weigand passes his examination.

Nos. 2 and 3. Contain letters from Lyken's Valley, in all eight congregations.

No. 4. Contains letters from Tulpehocken, which were read, asking for Mr. Ulrich as preacher. As both congregations claim the said preacher, since he seemed to have given them a promise in advance, after mature deliberation it was moved and seconded that Mr. Ulrich be advised to accept the call to Lyken's Valley and serve the congregations there; provided he pass his examination. Approved.

No. 7. Contains letters from Falknerschwaunn, which were read, and in which they express their satisfaction with Mr. Miller, and at the same time request that he might be appointed their preacher. Moved and resolved to prepare for Mr. Miller a license for the said congregation; provided he pass his examination. Approved.

No. 1 was read, in which petition is made for Mr. Sol. Schaeffer, of Whitpain, as their preacher. Moved and resolved that this petition be granted; provided Mr. Schaeffer pass his examination. Approved.

No. 9. Contain letters from Northumberland, which petition for Mr. Heim as their preacher. Postponed until the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 16. Contains letters from Benders and Arndt's church, which make request for the young Mr. Melsheimer as preacher. Postponed until the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 10. Contain letters from Manheim and Weis-Eichenland, which were read; they testify to their satisfaction with Mr. Riemenschneider, and a request from Cocalico, that the said preacher might serve them. Postponed to the Ministerial Meeting.

The preachers handed in the following official reports of their congregations:

1. Pastor Schmidt, of Philadelphia, reported 3 congregations in Philadelphia; 1 in Cohensie, 1 in Glashaus. Baptized, 517; confirmed, 85; communicants, 1278; deceased, 165; schools, 5.
2. Dr. Mühlenberg, 1 church, 1 filial, in and near Lancaster. Baptized, 142; confirmed, 67; communicants, 465; deceased, 28; schools, 1.
3. Pastor Streit, from Winchester, reported 1 congregation at Winchester, 1 in Newstadt, 1 in Staufferstadt and 1 on Biber Creek.
4. Rev. Mr. Lehman¹.
5. " " " Tulpehocken, 1; Rohrsburg, 1; Womelsdorf, 1; Heidelberg, 1; Reed's church, 1; Schaferstadt, 1; Warwick, 1.
6. Rev. Kurtz, from Baltimore, 1 congregation. Baptized, 129; confirmed, 43; communicants, 313; deceased, 50.
7. Rev. Melsheimer reported 1 congregation in Hanover, 1 David's church, 1 Jacob's church, 1 Kleindienst.
8. Rev. Schaefer reported 1 congregation in Germantown, and 6 filials, viz., at Frankford, Barren Hill, Merion, Whitpain, Oberdublin and Hamilton. Baptized, 115; confirmed, 35; communicants, 349; deceased, 26.
9. Rev. Carpenter, from Culpepper, 1 congregation. Baptized, 57; communicants, 135; deceased, 12; schools, 4 [?].
10. Rev. Hinkel.
11. Rev. Lochman reported: 1 congregation at Lebanon, 1 Millers-town, 1 Bergkirche, 1 Bindnagel's, 1 Cammel's [?], 1 Jonestown, 1 Brick church [Ziegelkirche] and two vacant congregations. Baptized, 181; confirmed, 103; communicants, 783; deceased, 38; schools, [?].
12. Rev. Schmucker reported 1 congregation in Hegerstadt, 1 Conoquicheague, 1 Bord's church, 1 Funkstown. Baptized, 142; confirmed, 74; communicants, 371; deceased, 33.

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13. Rev. Rothrauff reported 1 congregation in Greencastle, 1 Strasburg, 1 Mercersburg, 1 McConnelstown, 1 Falling Spring, 1 Fisher's, 1 Jacobs' church, 1 Appel's church, 1 Thomas' Creek. Baptized, 128; confirmed, 63; communicants, 401; deceased, 8.
14. . . . reported 1 congregation in York, 1 Quikel's, 1 Holzschwamm, 1 Wolf, 1 Creutz Creek, [Cha]ckely.
15. Rev. Endress reported 1 congregation in Easton, 1 St. John's church, 1 Williams Township, 1 Lower Saucon, and Hartwig, Chestnut Hill, Harmony, Towamensin and Penn Township, as vacant congregations. Baptized, 229; confirmed, 72; communicants, 371; deceased, 38.
16. Rev. Dill reported 1 congregation, 1 Plainfield, 1 Moore Township, 1 Hamilton, 1 Smithfield, 1 Mount Bethel.
17. Rev. Foltz.
18. Rev. Forster.
19. Pastor Plitt reported 1 congregation in New Holland, 1 Bergstrasse, 1 Muddy Creek, 1 Schwam, 1 Allegheny, 1 Forest, 1 Octoraro. Baptized, 182; confirmed, 77; communicants, 605; deceased, 23; schools, 4.
20. Pastor Grobp reported 1 congregation in Taneytown, 1 Emmitsburgh, 1 Silberrun, 1 Catestown, 1 Winters', 1 Mark's, 1 John's church. Baptized, 67; confirmed, 79; communicants, 257; deceased, 10; schools, 3.
21. Pastor Greber reported 1 congregation in Middletown, 1 St. Peter's church, 1 Geber's, 1 Ringer's. Baptized, 92; confirmed, 67; communicants, 169; deceased, 10; schools, 4.
22. Pastor Spindler.
23. " Flohr.
24. " Steck.
25. " Stauch reported 14 congregations without names in Columbia, Jefferson and Trumbull counties, and 5 vacant congregations. Baptized, 351; confirmed, 49; communicants, 505; deceased, 9; schools, 3.
26. Pastor Herst [Herbst] reported 1 congregation in Fissel's, 1 Shuster's, 1 Sadler's, 1 Zion's, 1 Jerusalem, 1 Krauter's. Baptized, 194; confirmed, 31; communicants, 287; deceased, 28; schools, 4.
27. Pastor Jasinsky.
28. " Geisenheimer, Jr. Baptized, 185; confirmed, 83; communicants, 863; deceased, 33; schools, 9.
29. Pastor Roeller.
30. " Ilgen reported 1 congregation in Aaronsburgh, 1 Brush Valley, 1 Ehrles, 1 Meeting-house, 1 Jungmanstadt, 1 New Berlin.

31. Pastor Moeller reported 1 congregation in Chambersburg, 1 Shippenburg, 1 Campbellstown. Baptized, 78; confirmed, 20; communicants, 126; deceased, 18.
32. Pastor Mühlenberg, Jr., reported 1 congregation in Reading, 1 Schwarzwald, 1 Spieser's. Baptized, 110; confirmed, 61; communicants, 300; deceased, 23; schools, 2.
33. Pastor Butler reported 1 congregation in Cumberland, 1 George Hill's, 1 Reitz's, 1 Bohn's, 1 Morristown, 1 Hampshire. Baptized, 24; confirmed, 18; communicants, 224; deceased, 4.
34. Candidate Stock reported 1 congregation in Muncy, 1 Fullmer's, 1 Shamokin, 2 English and 6 vacant congregations. Baptized, 87; confirmed, 24; communicants, 79; deceased, 9.
35. Candidate Lange.
36. " Knoske reported 1 Zion's church, 1 St. Paul's church, 1 St. John's church, 1 Salem's, 1 Jacob's church. Baptized, 114; confirmed, 31; communicants, 408; deceased, 26; schools, 6.
37. Candidate Sanno reported 1 Carlisle, 1 Sherman's Valley, 1 Frieden's church, 1 Trentel's church, and 7 vacant congregations. Baptized, 166; confirmed, 129; communicants, 301; deceased, 19; schools, 2.
38. Candidate Scriba reported 1 congregation in Mifflin, 1 Tuscarora. Baptized, 30.
39. Candidate Walter reported 1 Hossinger's congregation, 1 Biberdamm, 1 Mohr's, 1 Bauermann's, 1 Selinsgrove, 1 Rau, 1 Ritter's, 1 Mossersthal, and 16 vacant congregations. Baptized, 415; confirmed, 191; communicants, 975; deaths, 33.
40. Candidate Petersen reported 1 congregation in Harrisburg, 1 Middleburgh, 1 Wenrick, 1 Fedderhof, 1 Longstaff. Baptized, 145; confirmed, 80; communicants, 317; deceased, 23.
41. Candidate Cramer, 1 congregation in Maytown, 1 Columbia, 1 Elizabethtown, 1 Mount Joy, 1 Hummelstown, 1 Bergkirche and 1 vacant congregation. Baptized, 114; confirmed, 90; communicants, 533; deceased, 16.
42. Candidate Haas, 1 congregation Huntingdon, 1 Schönbergstadt, 1 Great Valley, 1 Woodcock Valley, 1 Spruce Creek, 1 Trough Creek, 1 Sinking Valley. Baptized, 70; confirmed, 32; communicants, 50; deceased, 5.
43. Candidate Mensch. Baptized, 88; confirmed, 25; communicants, 175; deceased, 16; schools, 4.
44. Candidate Rehman, 8 congregations. Baptized, 135; confirmed, 23; communicants, 362; deceased, 13; schools, 4.
45. Candidate Melsheimer, Jr., reported, 1 Bender's, 1 Arndt's church.

46. Candidate D. Schaefer, Jr., reported 1 congregation in Friedrichsstadt, 1 Woodsbury, 1 Crugertown, 1 Loudon County. Baptized, 174; confirmed, 200; communicants, 479; deceased, 38.
47. Candidate Kessler reported 1 congregation in Cumberland, 1 Kreisch, 1 Lehman's church. Baptized, 40; confirmed, 17; communicants, 59; deceased, 14.
48. Candidate Stout.
49. " Heine reported 1 congregation in Macunshy, 1 Saucon, 1 Solzburgh, 1 Obermilford. Baptized, 102; confirmed, 79; communicants, 493; schools, 5.
50. Candidate Simon.
51. " Riemenschneider reported 1 congregation in Nordkill, 1 Manheim, 1 Weiseichen, and 2 vacant congregations. Baptized, 37; confirmed, 25; communicants, 163; deceased, 6.
52. Candidate Miller reported 1 Falknerschwam, 1 New Goshenhoppen, 1 Berger's church. Baptized, 39.
53. Candidate Rebanac reported 1 Martinsburgh, 1 Sheppardstown, 1 Smithfield, 1 Sherersburgh. Baptized, 37; confirmed, 13; communicants, 35; deceased, 7; schools, 1.

No. 19 contains a petition from St. John's church, to settle disputes in the congregation with the assurance that the decision of the Synod shall be received as binding by all parties.—Hereupon it was moved and resolved, that Rev. Messrs. Plitt and Lochman and the delegates, Messrs. Lange and Shindel be a committee to investigate the dispute, and report to the Synod as soon as possible.—After some time the committee made its report with the judgment that Mr. Grobp, who was stationed in this congregation as preacher, shall continue to serve it.—This report was unanimously approved and accepted by the Synod.

No. 11. Mr. Orwich verbally petitions for a preacher in the name of some congregations, since Mr. Knoske intends to leave them. Moved and resolved, to advise the congregations, to look around for another preacher, who would be willing to serve them.

No. 6. A letter from Northumberland was read, asking for Mr. Engel as preacher. Moved and seconded, that this petition be granted, if Mr. Engel passes the examination.

No. 15. Concerning the Bible Society, which Dr. Helmuth, recommended, it was moved and resolved, that a letter of thanks be prepared for the said society, signed by the officers, and sent to the society, and it be heartily thanked for the present of German Testaments for the benefit of the Germans who live on the frontier (an den Grenzen), with the promise that the preachers and delegates will recommend this association to their congregations, and assist it to the best of their ability.

Hereupon the time and place of the next Synod were decided. Time, Trinity Sunday; place, Harrisburg.

After this the Synodical Meeting was closed with song and prayer, and the delegates dismissed. In the evening, Mr. Mühlenberg, Jr., preached on Revelation 22: 17.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

Tuesday, May 30th, in the morning at 8 o'clock, the President opened the Ministerial Meeting with prayer, and the business was begun.

The following Candidates were distributed to committees for examination: Candidates Cramer, Walter and Haas were assigned to Revs. Schmucker and Lochmann for examination; Candidates Knoske, D. Schaeffer and Melzheimer to Revs. Endress and Carpenter; Candidates Miller, Sol. Schaeffer and Ulrich to Revs. Schmidt and Jäger; Messrs. Meyer, Friedman, Engel and Weigand to Rev. Mühlenberg, Jr., and Rev. Möller to be examined.

Ad. No. 5. Rev. Messrs. Plitt and Endress, who were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Hecht, made the following report: That they had examined him in Languages, Dogmatics, etc., and were well satisfied with him, and propose that a full license be granted him. Approved.

With reference to Mr. Petis [Baetis] who was recommended by Dr. Helmuth, it was moved and resolved, that the said Petis be examined by the two Philadelphia preachers, and if they found him capable, a full license be prepared for him for Cohensie, etc., and wherever he might be used in case of need by one or other of these preachers.

The following candidates handed in their diaries and sermons: Candidate Heine, one diary, two sermons; Candidate Sanno, one sermon; Candidate Riemenschneider, one diary, two sermons; Candidate Scriba.

Dr. Mühlenberg and Rev. Melzheimer were appointed to examine the work of Messrs. Heine and Riemenschneider, and Dr. Schaeffer, Sr., and Mr. Rothrauff, were appointed to examine the work of Messrs. Sanno and Scriba.

The morning session was hereupon closed with prayer.

Tuesday afternoon, after prayer, the business was again begun.

The committees made the following reports:

Rev. Messrs. Schmidt and Jäger pass favorable judgment on Messrs. Miller, S. Schaeffer and D. Ulrich, and propose that full licenses be granted them, and concerning Mr. Heine, they recommend that a catechist's license be given him on trial. Approved.

Rev. Mühlenberg, Jr., and Mr. Moeller report on Messrs. Meyer, Tiedeman, Engel and Weigand, as follows: That they had moderate knowledge (mittelmässige Kenntnisse), and that they should be exhorted

to diligence in study. They propose that Mr. Engel be given a license as catechist for certain congregations, under the supervision of Mr. Ilgen, likewise Mr. Weigand under the supervision of Mr. Stauch. Also, Mr. Meyer under the supervision of Mr. Hinkel, but only for one year, until further testimony could be obtained.

Rev. Messrs. Schmucker and Lochmann judge favorably of Messrs. Cramer, Walter and Haas, and their general information.

Rev. Messrs. Endress and Carpenter report on Messrs. Knoske, D. Schaeffer and Melzheimer, as follows: That their sermons are good, and that they have a fair knowledge of the languages. After mature deliberation, it was resolved concerning the men proposed for ordination, that the ordination be postponed for this year.

As the Senior, Pastor Schulze, departed in death during last year, the election for the Seniorate was proposed, but without holding the election, Dr. Helmuth was unanimously appointed as Senior.

Upon recommendation of the assembled brethren, the ordained preachers will at the next Ministerial Meeting unite on general principles, according to which the fitness for ordination can and shall be determined in a uniform, impartial way.

No. 12. Concerning Rockingham it was resolved, that Mr. Riemen-schneider visit the congregation in that district, and that they be previously notified of this by Mr. Schmucker.

Moved and seconded, that the licenses of all the candidates be renewed. Approved.

Concerning Mr. Ernst, Jr., it was resolved, that he be examined at a Special Conference in the Easttown District, and if he is found capable, a license as catechist shall be granted him by the officers.

A similar resolution was passed concerning Mr. Osterlo.

Hereupon all the candidates and catechists were given their licenses and a wish of blessing,

Answer was made to Mr. Tiedeman, that the Ministerium did not have sufficient means to advance to him as much as he needs for board, *studia*, etc.

Resolved, That the accounts of the traveling preachers be postponed to the next Synod.

Rev. Mr. Hinkel was appointed traveling preacher for this year; he was assigned to the same districts he had traveled over before, and under the same conditions; but it is to be distinctly understood that the Synod does not bind itself to make any payment, which the next will not approve.

The traveling preacher, Mr. Hinkel, last year traveled seventy days and received thirty-five dollars. *Resolved*, That he be paid thirty dollars in addition.

The traveling preacher, Mr. Simon, traveled five months and a half, received seventy-four dollars and sixty-two cents. *Resolved*, That fifty dollars more be paid to him.

Concerning Mr. Rebenack, who petitioned to be received (into the Synod), it was resolved, that this petition be postponed until the next Synod.

Hereupon the session was closed with song and prayer.

Rev. Mr. Endress preached this evening on Rom. 16 : 20.

HENRICH MÜHLENBERG,
President.
DANIEL KURTZ,
Secretary.

SIXTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

1810.

HARRISBURG.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL AND MINISTERIAL MEETING WHICH WAS HELD JUNE 17TH, 18TH, 19TH,
AT HARRISBURG.

Sunday morning all the preachers assembled in the parsonage, and went in procession to the church.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church the following pastors preached: Mr. Heine on Saturday evening, on Apoc. 2: 10; Sunday morning, Dr. Mühlenberg, on Jude, vs. 20, 21; in the afternoon, Pastor Schaefer, on Rom. 8: 13; in the evening, Rev. Lochman, on Acts 26: 28. In the English Presbyterian Church there preached: Mr. Mendsen on Saturday evening, on Heb. 4: 9, 10, 11; Sunday morning, Pastor Kurtz, on Matth. 22: 41, 42; in the afternoon, Pastor Plitt, on Apoc. 3: 1; in the evening, Rev. Mühlenberg, on Jer. 34: 16.

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock the preachers and delegates, upon invitation, assembled in the church, and the President, Mr. Mühlenberg, opened the Synod with prayer, whereupon the Synodical business began.

THE PREACHERS PRESENT WERE:

1. Doctor Helmuth, from Philadelphia.
2. " Mühlenberg, from Lancaster.
3. Pastor Kurtz, from Baltimore.
4. " Schaefer, from Germantown.
5. " Henckel, from Newmarket.
6. " Lochman, from Lebanon.
7. " Schmucker, from Yorktown.
8. " Rothrauff, from Greencastle.
9. " Endress, from Easton.
10. " Dill, from Plainfield.
11. " Plitt, from New Holland.
12. " Herbst, from Fissel's Church.
13. " Jasinsky, from Pikeland.

14. Pastor Geisenheimer, Jr., from Whitehall.
15. " Roeller, from Goshenhoppen.
16. " Moeller, from Chambersburg.
17. " Mühlenberg, from Reading.
18. " Butler, from Fort Cumberland.

THE CANDIDATES PRESENT WERE :

1. Mr. Sanno, from Carlisle.
2. " Knoske, from Manheim, Berks County.
3. " Scriba.
4. " Walter, from Middleburgh.
5. " Petersen, from Harrisburg.
6. " Cramer, from Maytown.
7. " Haas, from Huntington.
8. " Mensch, from Springfield.
9. " Melsheimer, from Bender's Church.
10. " David Schaefer, from Fredericktown.
11. " Kessler, from Cumberland.
12. " Heine, from Makunshy
13. " Riemenschneider, from Nordkill.
14. " Miller, from Goshenhoppen.
15. " Hecht, from Pottstown
16. " Betis, from Cohensy.
17. " S. Schaefer, Hagerstown.
18. " Ullerich, from Lyken's Valley.
19. " Vanhoff, from Johnstown.
20. " Wygandt.

THE CATECHISTS PRESENT WERE :

1. Mr. Heine, from Mifflin County.
2. " Engel.
3. " Osterlo.
4. " L. M. Merkel.

Applicants for the ministry : 1. Mr. Tiedeman ; 2. Mr. Sackman ; 3. Mr. Meendsen.

Preachers absent were : 1. Pastor Schmidt, excused himself in writing ; 2. Pastor Streit, without excuse ; 3. Pastor Lehman, with excuse ; 4. Pastor Melsheimer, with excuse ; 5. Pastor Carpenter, with excuse ; 6. Pastor Geisenheimer, Sr., with excuse ; 7. Pastor Jäger, with verbal excuse ; 8. Pastor Forster, without excuse ; 9. Pastor Grobp, without excuse ; 10. Pastor Kraeber, with written excuse ; 11. Pastor Spind-

ler, pleads his age as an excuse ; 12. Pastor Flohr, with written excuse ; 13. Pastor Steck, with written excuse, on account of sickness ; 14. Pastor Stauch, with written excuse ; 15. Pastor Ilgen, with written excuse.

Candidates absent were : 1. Mr. Stock, with written excuse ; 2. Mr. Lange, with written excuse ; 3. Mr. Rehman, without excuse ; 4. Mr. Staut, with written excuse ; 5. Mr. Simon, without excuse ; 6. Catechist Ernst, with written excuse ; 7. Catechist Mayer, with excuse.

DELEGATES PRESENT WITH WRITTEN CERTIFICATES.

1. Mr. Kunckel, from Philadelphia.
2. " Moser, from Lancaster.
3. " Kies, from Baltimore.
4. " Heilig, from Germantown.
5. " Ullerich, from Lebanon.
6. " Hay, from Yorktown.
7. " Mayer, from Greencastle.
8. " Stecker, from Easton.
9. " Mayerly, from Fissel's Church.
10. " Schantz, from Whitehill.
11. " Berly, from Fort Cumberland.
12. " Shock, from Middleburg.
13. " Jous, from Harrisburg.
14. " Schell, from Maytown.
15. " Gemer, from Huntington.
16. " Walter, from Bender's Church.
17. " Leidig, from Cumberland.
18. " Umbenhauer, from Nordkill.
19. " Beisler, from Goschenhoppen.
20. " Fillbert, from Pottsgrove.
21. " Ney, from Hagerstown.
22. " Enderlein, from Lykinsthal.

New Holland, Goschenhoppen, Springfield, Friedrichstadt excused themselves in writing, stating why they had sent no delegates this year.

TOTAL PRESENT :

Preachers	18	} 42
Candidates	20	
Catechists	4	
Applicants	3	
Delegates	22	

The body of the Synod therefore consisted of 64 members.

Hereupon the annual election of officers was held, and after the votes were gathered, it was found that the following were elected :

1. Dr. Mühlenberg, President.
2. Rev. Schmucker, Secretary.
3. Pastor Lochman, Treasurer.

As the Rev. Schmidt, the former Treasurer, was not present, and in his letter to the Synod requested that another might be elected, in his place, it was

Resolved, That Doctor Helmuth, Pastor Lochman and Mr. Kunckel be a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and hand in a report.

The delegates then handed in their papers and the Synod appointed five committees to examine and arrange them and report in the afternoon.

The papers were as follows :

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| No. 1. From Philadelphia. | No. 22. Concerning Sanno. |
| " 2. " Tulpehocken. | " 23. " Cramer. |
| " 3. " Fredericktown. | " 24. " Haas. |
| " 4. " Stock. | " 25. From Staut. |
| " 5. " Lange. | " 26. " Bender's church. |
| " 6. " Steck. | " 27. " Goschenhoppen. |
| " 7. " Geisenheimer, Sr. | " 28. Concerning Hecht. |
| " 8. " Stauch. | " 29. From Hagerstown. |
| " 9. " Streit. | " 30. " Lykens Valley. |
| " 10. " Flohr. | " 31. " Mifflin, Hein's. |
| " 11. " Germantown. | " 32. " Loudon, Virginia. |
| " 12. " Rockingham. | " 33. " Engel. |
| " 13. " Manheim. | " 34. " Warwick. |
| " 14. " Jaeger. | " 35. " Tiedeman. |
| " 15. " Whitpain. | " 36. " Schwamm congregation. |
| " 16. " Plainfield. | " 37. " Meendsen. |
| " 17. " Graber. | " 38. " Vanhoff, Jonestown
and Shepp's con-
gregation. |
| " 18. " Ilgen. | " 39. " Osterlo. |
| " 19. " Heim. | " 40. " Rebenack. |
| " 20. " Kessler. | |
| " 21. " Carlisle. | |

The morning session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, P.M.

The session was opened with prayer, and thereupon the Protocol of last year was read.

The following reports of the number of congregations, baptized, confirmed, communicants, deceased and schools, were handed in :

		Congre- gations.	Baptized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
1.	Dr. Helmuth }	1	527	57	1000	168	5
	Pastor Schmidt . . . }						
2.	Dr. Mühlenberg	3	202	80	506	32	1
3.	Pastor Streit	—	—	—	—	—	—
4.	“ Lehman	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	“ Melsheimer	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	“ Kurtz	1	134	27	264	43	2
7.	“ Schaefer	3	91	27	305	35	2
8.	“ Carpenter	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	“ Henkel	—	—	—	—	—	—
10.	“ Lochman	5	118	100	439	38	5
11.	“ Schmucker	6	216	240	831	31	5
12.	“ F. Geisenheimer . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—
13.	“ Jaeger	—	—	—	—	—	—
14.	“ Rothrauff	7	101	61	365	9	2
15.	“ Endres	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.	“ Dill	4	74	36	218	23	1
17.	“ Forster	—	—	—	—	—	—
18.	“ Plitt	6	176	67	635	14	4
19.	“ Grobp	—	—	—	—	—	—
20.	“ Graeber	—	—	—	—	—	—
21.	“ Spindler	—	—	—	—	—	—
22.	“ Flohr	—	174	63	188	17	4
23.	“ Steck	—	309	52	449	27	—
24.	“ Stauch	—	298	14	278	—	—
25.	“ Herbst	—	—	—	—	—	—
26.	“ Jasinsky	—	—	—	—	—	—
27.	“ Geisenheimer, Jr. . .	7	196	71	998	30	9
28.	“ Roeller	5	97	39	411	27	3
29.	“ Ilgen	—	—	—	—	—	—
30.	[Sic.]						
31.	“ Moeller	3	113	61	218	12	2
32.	“ Mühlenberg, Jr . . .	2	130	110	484	27	1
33.	“ Buttler	7	55	21	169	3	—

		Congre- gations.	Baptized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
34.	Pastor Knosky	5	142	91	435	50	6
35.	“ Petersen	6	133	49	363	26	5
36.	“ Walter	8	228	145	780	28	6
37.	Mr. Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—
38.	“ Lange	—	202	124	511	51	—
39.	“ Sanno	—	—	—	—	—	—
40.	“ Scriba	—	16	—	—	—	—
41.	“ Cramer	6	122	21	300	13	—
42.	“ Haas	6	75	29	102	9	—
43.	“ Mensch	4	100	30	155	20	4
44.	“ Rehman	8	182	79	350	16	4
45.	“ Melsheimer	3	35	—	130	4	—
46.	“ D. Schaefer	3	209	91	455	27	2
47.	“ Kessler	3	19	—	—	6	—
48.	“ Heine	4	118	70	529	17	4
49.	“ Simon	—	—	—	—	—	—
50.	“ Riemenschneider	4	108	41	160	9	4
51.	“ Miller	3	130	113	522	32	4
52.	“ Hecht	3	117	90	278	26	5
53.	“ Betis	1	16	—	68	8	—
54.	“ S. Schaefer	4	59	—	169	3	2
55.	“ Ullerich	8	287	200	960	27	5
56.	“ Weigandt	3	57	—	—	5	5
57.	“ Heine	2	120	—	—	11	2
58.	“ Engel	6	204	—	—	—	—
59.	“ Ernst	—	—	—	—	—	—
60.	“ Osterlo	3	13	—	—	1	1
61.	“ Vanhoff	4	35	—	—	12	4
62.	“ Merkel	3	85	—	—	6	—
63.	“ Tiedeman	—	—	—	—	—	—
64.	“ Sackman	—	—	—	—	—	—
65.	“ Mundsén	—	—	—	—	—	—

The District Conferences of Lancaster, Baltimore and Virginia gave some reports of their transactions. In the other districts no meetings were held.

It was moved and unanimously approved by the Synod :

1. That a pastoral letter be sent by this Synod to all our congregations each year, and upon a subject which this Synod retains the right to determine.

2. That our worthy Senior, Dr. Helmuth, prepare and have printed this pastoral letter for this year.

3. That 5000 copies of it be printed at the expense of the Synod.

The committees appointed handed in their reports in writing.

No. 2 was taken up first. This number contains a request of the Tulpehocken and Womelsdorf congregations, that Mr. Ullrich might not be appointed their preacher, and that,

1. A new election for a pastor be held, in order that the congregation be not entirely scattered; with the assurance, that they were willing to accept any other pastor.

2. A petition from the Tulpehocken congregation, asking for Mr. Ullrich as its pastor.

3. A petition from the Nordkill congregation, which desires Mr. Ullrich as its pastor, in case he should come to Tulpehocken.

On this point it was moved and approved: The Ministerium hands the above papers with reference to Mr. Ullrich to a committee of five members, who shall conscientiously consider them, and report to the Synod.

No. 30. *Item*, That the papers from Lyken's Valley, be taken along with those. These contain a very urgent request of Mr. Ullrich's entire congregation, that the Synod by all means arrange that Mr. Ullrich might continue his ministry among them; otherwise all the progress made under him would come to nothing.

It was moved and approved, that Messrs. Lochman, Plitt, Mühlenberg, Jr., Hay and Philbert, be this committee.

No. 12. With reference to the petition of the five congregations in Rockingham County, Virginia, which ask for Mr. Riemenschneider as their preacher, it was resolved, that Mr. Riemenschneider may with the consent of the Synod accept the said congregations.

No. 13. Upon the request of the congregation in Manheim, to be served by the preacher who serves Warwick, in case Mr. Riemenschneider should leave them, it was moved and approved, that the Synod grant Messrs. Cramer and Betis permission to preach sermons (*Besuchspredigten*) in the congregation at Manheim, and that the Synod will be satisfied with the decision of the majority in that congregation.

No. 14. With reference to the complaints against Rev. Mr. Jäger it was resolved, that the Synod cannot enter upon them, because Mr. Jäger is not present.

No. 15. With reference to the petition of the congregations Whithpain, Gwynedd and Hilltown, Montgomery County, for an able pastor, it was moved and approved, that the delegates look for one among the

preachers, and those that are willing to accept a call inform the President.

No. 16. With reference to the petition of the united congregations in Hamilton, Smithfield, Plainfield and Mount Bethel for a pastor, for whose support they will make full provision, it was moved and approved as No. 15.

No. 17. With reference to the petition of Rev. Mr. Gräber for better congregations, it was moved and approved, that the Secretary make known to him the vacant congregations, Nos. 15 and 16.

No. 20. With reference to the letter of the Lisbon congregation, in Cumberland County, in which they ask for Mr. Kessler as their preacher, it was moved and approved, that their petition be granted.

No. 29. With reference to the letter of the congregations united with Hagerstown, in which they petition that the Synod approve their almost unanimous election of Mr. Solomon Schaefer as their preacher, it was moved and resolved that permission be granted to Mr. Solomon Schaefer.

No. 34. With reference to the call of the congregations in Warwick and Schäferstown, to have Mr. Betis as their pastor, it was moved and approved, that their request be granted.

No. 36. With reference to the petition of the congregations in Schwamm and Cocalico, it was moved and approved, that Mr. Betis be allowed to accept them.

Thereupon the session was closed with prayer. This evening Pastor Endres preached in the Lutheran, and Pastor Jasinsky in the English church.

Tuesday morning, at 6 o'clock, the members of the Synod again assembled in the Lutheran church, and because the President stayed away too long, Pastor Kurtz was elected President *pro tem.*, and Doctor Helmuth opened the Synod with devout prayer, after which the business was continued.

No. 2. The committee appointed yesterday, to which the papers referring to Mr. Ullrich were handed, reported in writing, as follows: The committee, after careful investigation, recognizes:

1. That Mr. Ullrich cannot without great injury be taken from the congregations in Lykensthal, who are unanimous in their attachment to him; and that, although we would be willing to let the majority in Tulpehocken have Mr. Ullrich, yet we would not advise our friend to go to contending congregations.

2. That the United Congregations in Tulpehocken be advised to hold an election as soon as possible in each congregation for another preacher, who was not voted on at their last election, and who is a member of

the Ministerium, the election to be held by ballot, and announced at public service at least four weeks in advance.

3. The preacher for whom the majority votes, and who will accept them, shall be granted them; and the Synod expects that the minority will not burden it with further propositions in this matter.

The entire report of the committee was approved by the Synod, and in reference to it, it was moved and resolved:

1. That copies of it be given to both parties in Tulpehocken.

2. That the committee be permitted to destroy the papers concerning Lykens Valley and Tulpehocken.

That Pastor Lochman and Pastor Mühlenberg, Jr., be commissioned to preach in the congregations united with Tulpehocken, and to announce the election, as soon as they are requested to do so by the congregations.

Motion: That it be left to the assembled preachers this time, to determine the amount of appropriations from the Synodical Treasury and to appoint the traveling preacher for the coming year. Approved.

Hereupon the time and place of the next Synod were determined, and after the votes were gathered, it was found to be as follows: 1. Time, Trinity Sunday. 2. Place, Philadelphia.

The contributions to the Synodical Treasury were handed over:

Summa	\$215.43½
Item	6.00
	\$221.43½

The President hereupon closed the Synodical Meeting with song and prayer, and the delegates were dismissed.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

Tuesday, at 10 A.M., the President opened the Ministerial Meeting with prayer, and the business was begun.

No. 37. In reference to the call given to Mr. Meendsen by four congregations in Allen Township, Northampton County, it was moved and approved that Mr. Meendsen be permitted to accept these, and also other vacant congregations in the neighborhood, if he passes his examination. Pastor Kurtz and Pastor Lochman were appointed his examiners.

No. 38. In reference to the letters of Mr. Dreyer and Mr. Geisen-

heiner concerning the candidate of theology recently arrived from Germany, Mr. M. Domes, and his own letter to the Ministerium, it was moved and approved, that Mr. M. Domes be regarded and treated by us like all who have newly arrived from Germany.

No. 39. In reference to the call for Mr. Friedrich Osterlo from Hanover and Newport Township, Luzerne County, it was moved and approved that the request of these congregations be granted, if Mr. Osterlo passes his examination.

No. 8. In reference to the letter of Rev. Mr. Stauch, in which he recommends one Mr. Anton Weier to the Ministerium as a pastor, it was moved and approved that the letter be answered in the name of the Ministerium in a fraternal (liebevolle) manner, approving his conduct in reference to Mr. Weier, and that Rev. Mr. Lochman write the answer.

No. 25. In reference to the petition of Mr. Staut, to recommend him to congregations in Pennsylvania or Maryland, it was moved and approved that the Ministerium could do nothing for him.

No. 29. Concerning Hagerstown and Mr. Solomon Schaefer, the additional resolution was passed that Mr. Schaefer be allowed to stay in Hagerstown. Approved.

No. 15. The Ministerium added to the Synodical resolution this proposition: That the congregation left by Mr. Solomon Schaefer be advised to choose a man from among the pastors of the Ministerium, and whoever goes there inform the President.

Motion: That Mr. Heims be examined for the position of candidate, and if found capable, be admitted to the same. Approved.

Motion: That every one who desires to become catechist, candidate, or ordained preacher hand to the Ministerium a written account of his life for examination, and that this be preserved in the Archives. Approved.

Motion: That Mr. Weigandt, inasmuch as his congregations ask that he be granted a full license, be examined for this purpose. Approved.

No. 32. In reference to the petition of the two congregations in Loudon County, Virginia, that Mr. Joh. Martin Sackman be received and granted a license, it was moved and approved: That if Mr. Sackman passes the examination this petition be granted.

No. 33. In reference to the petition of Blumsburg and the four congregations united with it, that a full license be granted to Mr. Friedrich Engel, it was moved and approved: That he be examined for this purpose, and if he pass the examination the petition of the above congregations be granted.

No. 35. In reference to the call of Vogt's congregation in Rye Township, Cumberland, for Mr. Ernst Heinrich Tiedeman, it was moved and approved :

1. That if Mr. Tiedeman passes the examination, he may accept the congregation.

2. That Pastor Mühlenberg and Rev. Mr. Möller examine him.

No. 38. In reference to the petition of Schupp's congregation for Mr. Vanhoff, it was moved and approved : That answer be made them, it would be more advisable for them to unite with Harrisburg.

No. 38. In reference to the petition of the congregation in Jonestown to retain Mr. Vanhoff, it was moved and resolved : That if Mr. Vanhoff passes his examination their petition will be granted.

No. —. In reference to the petition of Mr. Joh. Wilhelm Mayer, from Fincastle, that his license be renewed, it was moved and approved : That the Ministerium has doubts about renewing his license.

No. 5. In reference to the petition of Candidate Lange to renew his license, it was moved and approved : That his request be postponed until the next Synod, and that the President inform him of the complaints here made against him, concerning his immoral life, against which he shall first defend himself. Approved.

Motion : In reference to the petition of the people in Tennessee concerning Mr. L. M. Merckel, it was moved and approved, that if Mr. L. M. Merckel pass the examination full license shall be granted him.

The following gentlemen were appointed examiners :

1. Pastor Schäfer and Rev. Plitt, to examine Messrs. Engel, Sackman and Heims. 2. Pastor Endres and Rev. Rothrauf take Messrs. Merckel and Osterlo. 3. Pastor Kurtz and Rev. Lochman, Vanhoff and Meendsen. 4. Pastor Mühlenberg and Rev. Möller, Tiedeman and Weigandt.

The following candidates handed in their Journals and Sermons :

Journals. Sermons.		Journals. Sermons.	
1. Sanno —	1	8. D. Schäfer 1	1
2. Knoske 1	1	9. Heine 1	1
3. Walter —	1	10. Riemenschneider . 1	1
4. Kramer —	1	11. Hecht 1	1
5. Haas 1	1	12. Betis 1	1
6. Mensch 1	1	13. Sol. Schäfer . . . 1	1
7. Melzheimer . . . 1	1	14. Ullrich 1	1

The catechists gave theirs to the examiners, and the President distributed the papers of the candidates to the preachers for examination, to report in the afternoon.

The session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 O'CLOCK.

The session was opened with prayer, after which the business was again begun.

The examiners reported :

P. Schäfer and Plitt report: Messrs. Sackman and Heims possess a fair and good knowledge of saving truth; Mr. Engel is a man of good promise. They propose the three as candidates.

Doctor Mühlenberg reports: The sermons of Messrs. Hecht, Betis, Cramer, Ullrich, are good, and that of Mr. Jacob Miller he found far above his expectation.

Doctor Helmuth passes favorable judgment on those of Messrs. Walter, Mensch, Riemenschneider and Scriba.

Pastors Mühlenberg and Möller: Mr. Weigant has improved much; they propose him as candidate; Mr. Tiedeman, however, they found weak in knowledge; propose him as catechist.

Pastors Endress and Rothrauf judge favorably of Merckel and Osterlo, and propose both as candidates.

Pastor Geisenheimer reports that Mr. Sol. Schäfer's journal and sermon are good. David Schäfer's journal very good.

Pastors Jasinsky and Röller: Messrs. Melzheimer, Jr., and David Schäfer's good, and Haas's shows much diligence.

Pastors Dill and Herbst: Mr. Knoske's sermon good, scriptural and edifying.

Pastors Kurtz and Lochman found Messrs. Meendsen and Vanhoff fairly grounded in Greek, well grounded in Dogmatics.

Pastor Endress made report concerning Mr. Ernst, and petitions for a catechist's license for him.

1. The licenses of the following men were renewed: Cramer, Haas, Mensch, Rehman, Melsheimer, D. Schaefer, Kessler, Heine, Simon, Riemenschneider, Miller, Hecht, Batis [Baetis], Sol Schäfer, Ullrich,—Scriba, if he gets congregations.

2. The following received *licentia*: Mr. Wiegandt, Merckel, Vanhoff, Engel, Osterlo, Sackman, Heims and Meendsen.

3. The following were made catechists: Mr. Willh. Ernst and Tiedeman.

4. For ordination the following were proposed and admitted: Messrs. Joh. Knoske, Conrad Walter, Joh. Dietrich Petersen, and it was resolved that they be ordained this evening.

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¹ Erasure of a disciplinary action of the Ministerium by which a pastor was to receive a private censure from the President.

Concerning Mr. Rebenack, it was moved and approved, That the Ministerium still hesitates to receive him publicly as a member, but rejoices in his good testimonials from Scheppardtwn and Martinsburg.

Last year's traveling preacher, Mr. Henckle, handed in an extract from his journal, from which it appears that \$40 from the Synodical Treasury is still due him, which was granted him.

Motion: That Rev. Mr. Henckle be the traveling preacher appointed by this Synod until the next meeting. Approved.

Motion: That \$10 from the Synodical Treasury be given each preacher's widow this year, and that each of them get as much from the legacy from Europe as one of the preachers present, that is, \$14.50. Approved.

Motion: That \$50.00 be given to Messrs. Meendsen and Tiedeman each, as a loan to aid them in their studies. Approved.

The President closed the Ministerial Meeting with prayer, and in the evening Messrs. 1. John Knoske, 2. Conrad Walter, 3. Joh. Dietrich Petersen were, in a most solemn and impressive manner, consecrated to the ministry.

Attested by

J. GEORGE SCHMUCKER,
Secretary.

SIXTY-FOURTH CONVENTION.

1811.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL MEETING,

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, ON JUNE 9TH, AND THE FOLLOWING DAYS, 1811.

On Sunday morning all the preachers assembled in the home of Pastor Schmidt, and from there went in procession to Zion's and St. Michael's churches.

The following preached in Zion's: A.M., Dr. Mühlenberg, on I Thess. 4: 1; P.M., Rev. Schmucker, on Luke 15: 2. In the evening, Pastor Lochman, on Rom. 10: 1. Pastor Plitt preached in St. Michael's in the morning on Acts 18: 5, 6.

The spirit of grace and prayer was in our midst, and made the eternal truths of the Gospel important to the pastors themselves; and the large assemblies of devout hearers justify the hope that lasting benefits were received.

On Monday morning at 9 o'clock, all the preachers and delegates assembled in Zion's Church, and the President opened the Synodical Meeting with an earnest prayer for the assistance of the good Spirit in the business now to be taken up.

THE PREACHERS PRESENT WERE:

1. Dr. Helmuth (Th. D. Senior Ministerii), Philadelphia.
2. Pastor Schmidt, *Idem*.
3. Doctor Mühlenberg, Lancaster.
4. Pastor Kurtz, Baltimore.
5. " Schäfer, Germantown.
6. " Dill (Diehl), Plainfield.
7. " Jäger, Allentown.
8. " Lochman, Lebanon.
9. " Schmucker, York.
10. " Herbst, Manchester.
11. " Geisenheiner, Whitehall.

12. Pastor Plitt, New Holland.
13. " Röllcr, Goshenhoppen.
14. " Forster, New Lancaster.
15. " Endress, Easton.
16. " Jasinsky, Pikeland.
17. " Buttler, Fort Cumberland.
18. " Mühlenberg, Reading.
19. " Knosky, Kutztown.
20. " Walter, Mittelberg.
21. " Petersen, Harrisburg.

CANDIDATES PRESENT.

22. Mr. Sanno, Carlisle.
23. " Scriba, Traveling Preacher.
24. " Mensch, Springfield.
25. " D. Schäfer, Frederick.
26. " Heine, Macunshy.
27. " S. Schäfer, Hagerstown.
28. " Hecht, Pottsgrove.
29. " Miller, Goshenhoppen.
30. " Heim,
31. " Ullrich, Lyken's Valley.
32. " Bätis, Schäferstown.
33. " Weygand.
34. " Osterlo.
35. " Vanhof, Jonestown.
36. " Merkel, ["Genesee, N. Y."—in pencil.]
37. " Sackman, Loudon.
38. " Meendsen.
39. " Ernst.
40. " Colsen, Plainfield.
41. " Engel, Catechist.

PREACHERS ABSENT.

1. Pastor Streit, with excuse; 2. Pastor Melzheimer, with excuse; 3. Pastor Carpenter; 4. Pastor Henckle (Henkel), with excuse; 5. Pastor Geisenheiner; 6. Pastor Rotrauf (Rothrauf), with excuse; 7. Pastor Grobb, with excuse; 8. Pastor Graeber; 9. Pastor Spindler; 10. Pastor Flohr, with excuse; 11. Pastor Steck, with excuse; 12. Pastor Stauch, with excuse; 13. Pastor Ilgen, with excuse; 14. Pastor Möller, with excuse.

CANDIDATES ABSENT.

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| 15. Mr. Stock. | 21. Mr. Melzheimer. |
| 16. " Lange. | 22. " Kessler. |
| 17. " Sanno. | 23. " Riemenschneider. |
| 18. " Cramer. | with excuse. |
| 19. " Rehman. | 24. " Simon. |
| 20. " Haas. | 25. " Tiedeman, Catechist. |

THE DELEGATES PRESENT WERE:

1. Mr. Conrad Haas and Fried. Höckle, Philadelphia.
2. " Schmick, Baltimore.
3. " Peter Perring, Germantown.
4. " A. Ritscher, Lebanon.
5. " P. Kissinger, York.
6. " D. Rauh, Easton.
7. " G. Sell, Lohill.
8. " I. Ringwald, New Holland.
9. " A. Mensch, Hanover Congregation.
10. " D. Schneider, Fissel's Church.
11. " G. Diery, Pikeland.
12. " G. Rau, Whitehall.
13. " A. Gressman, Indianfield.
14. " F. Schmidt and P. Stichter, Reading.
15. " H. Schwartz, Middleburg.
16. " N. Kreutzer, Carlisle.
17. " F. Drager, Nockamixon.
18. " P. Wind, Macunshy.
19. " J. Brendlinger, New Hanover.
20. " J. Schweng, Pottsgrove.
21. " S. Rex, Warwick.
22. " G. Brumbach, Hagerstown.
23. " P. Lohr, Lykensthal.
24. " D. Hecker, Louisburg.
25. " C. Geiger, Fischen Creek.
26. " N. Hauer, Allen Township.

The body of the Synod therefore consisted of 41 preachers and 27 delegates, *i. e.*, of 68 members.

The election of officers was taken up and the President informed the Synod that, as he has now served three years, he cannot, according to

the Ministerial [Constitution], be re-elected. After the votes were gathered, it was found the following were elected for one year :¹

1. Pastor Schmidt, President.
2. Rev. Schmucker, Secretary.
3. Pastor Lochman, Treasurer.

The President took the chair and the communications were handed in and numbered.

No. 1. From Baltimore.	No. 18. From Joh. Guthman.
" 2. " Hinckle.	" 19. " Sunbury.
" 3. " Forster.	" 20. " Stock.
" 4. " Flohr.	" 21. " Schmucker.
" 5. " Melzheimer.	" 22. " C. Zentler.
" 6. " Steeck.	" 23. " Whitpain.
" 7. " Ilgen.	" 24. " Dill and Geisen-
" 8. " Stauch.	h[einer.]
" 9. " Carlisle.	" 25. From Rebenack.
" 10. " Kramer's affair.	" 26. " Grafort.
" 11. Concerning Bätis.	" 27. " Salisbury.
" 12. Letter from Uhlrich's	" 28. " Northampton.
congregation.	" 29. " Miffin.
" 13. Concerning Engel.	" 30. " Tiedeman.
" 14. From Osterlo.	" 31. " Menig.
" 15. " Tulpehocken.	" 32. " Colson.
" 16. " Ohio.	" 33. " Leist.
" 17. " Scriba.	

Thereupon the Synod appointed four committees to examine these communications and make written report in the afternoon.

First committee : Messrs. Doctor Mühlenberg, Kurtz, Schäfer, Lochman, Haas and Höckle. Nos. 1-7.

Second committee : Messrs. Endress, Jäger, Dill, Plitt, Schmick and Perring. Nos. 8-14.

Third committee : Messrs. Mühlenberg, Jr., Geisenheiner, Jasinsky, Herbst, Forster, Ritscher and Rauh. Nos. 15-22.

Fourth committee : Messrs. Röller, Buttler, Knosky, Walter, Petersen, Jacob Ringwald, Friedrich Schmidt. Nos. 22-33.

The Protocol of last year was read, and then the morning session was closed with prayer.

¹ ([The whole morning's transactions are summarized:] As soon as the President had taken his chair, all communications directed to the Synod were handed in. Finally the Protocol of last year was read, and then the morning session was closed with prayer).

MONDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer. The reports of the committees were handed in and read, and it was resolved that the papers of the first committee be immediately taken up

No. 1. Concerning the friendly invitation of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Baltimore, that the Synod hold its meeting with it next year, it was postponed to the time for the selection of place and then recalled.

No. 2. Concerning the two letters from Rev. Mr. Hinkel, in which he reports to the Synod his official acts as traveling preacher; that he traveled sixty days and received only \$26.50; it was resolved that \$40.00 more be paid him from the Synodical Treasury.

No. 9. Petition from Carlisle, asking to have the Synod next year; it was postponed until the election.

No. 10. Concerning the communication of Mr. Kramer to the Synod, in which he offers to become traveling preacher for two months and to seek congregations for himself, and asks for two months' salary as traveling preacher for a journey of fifty-three days already made for this purpose, it was resolved that the Synod can in no wise grant his request.

No. 10. Concerning the petition of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations in Elizabeth and Maytown for a Christian and well-educated man as their pastor, it was resolved that if there is any one present who is willing to go there, he shall give notice to the President.

No. 11. Concerning the petition of the congregation in Manheim to be more frequently served by Mr. Bätis: *Resolved*, That the congregations and Mr. Bätis must themselves come to some agreement on the matter.

No. 12. Concerning the general petition of the united congregations in Lykensthal to retain Mr. Uhlrich, it was resolved that it be postponed until the decision of the Tulpehocken affairs.

No. 15. For the decision of the difficulties in Tulpehocken and the congregations united with it, concerning Mr. Uhlrich, where many hundreds desire him as their pastor; but a respectable minority also makes complaint against him, because of unfulfilled promises of marriage, it was resolved: 1. That a Special Committee be appointed to examine the papers, to hear the witnesses and delegates and to report its opinion to the Synod. 2. That this committee consist of three ordained preachers and two delegates. 3. That Messrs. Kurtz, Endress, Röller, Heckle and Friedrich Schmidt be this committee.

And this committee proposed as follows in the matter: 1. That the

said congregations be advised to hold a general election in each congregation on the last Sunday of this month of June, for any preacher in the Ministerium, with the understanding that the minority yield to the majority. 2. Should one or the other of the congregations in this union, however, not be satisfied with the choice of the others, such congregation shall be free to separate from the union and unite with neighboring congregations.

This report was accepted and that of last year was recalled, because it had been found that it cannot well be carried out.

No. 18. Concerning the communication of Mr. Johann Guthmann, in which he expresses the desire that arrangements might be made to publish an engraved picture of Dr. Luther, it was resolved that Messrs. Dr. Helmuth, Plitt and Lochman be a committee to consider the matter and report upon it.

And this committee moved that the individual members of the Synodical Meeting promise that if any one is willing to start a subscription for an engraved picture of Dr. Luther, they will aid it as much as possible. Carried.

No. 21. Upon motion that an Evangelical Magazine be printed under the supervision of the Synod, after the motion was read Messrs. Pastors Lochman and Schmucker were appointed a committee to consider it carefully and to report on its practicability.

No. 22. Concerning Mr. Zentler's bill for printing the 5000 copies of last year's Pastoral Letter to all congregations, as determined by the Synod, the bill amounting to \$93.50, it was resolved that it be accepted. The officers drew up the order for its payment, and had it handed to Mr. Conrad Zentler.

No. 23. Concerning the petition of the congregations in Whitpain, Northwälsch and Hilltown for a preacher, whom they promise all support and love, the members who might desire to go there were advised to confer with the President and the delegates.

Nos. 27 and 29. Petitions from Salisbury and Mifflin County, that collections be taken up for their church building. *Resolved*, that Synod can have nothing to do with collecting.

No. 27. Concerning the inquiry of Matheus Flach, in Crawford County, whether a certain Mr. Mackenhaupt, who there pretends to be an Evangelical Lutheran preacher, is a member of the Ministerium, it was resolved that Dr. Mühlenberg answer: (No).

The session was closed with prayer. This evening Pastor Mühlenberg, Jr., preached on Luke 19: 42.

TUESDAY, A.M.

The business was begun with prayer.

No. 21. The motion for the publication of an Evangelical Magazine was first taken up. The committee appointed yesterday made the following report: It regards the plan in this motion, several changes excepted, very useful, easily executed and of benefit to the Synodical Treasury, and has, in reliance upon the approval of the Synod, already had a prospectus printed, which each member can take home with him.

Concerning the report of the committee, it was unanimously resolved, 1. That the motion be adopted, and that the Synod undertake it as soon as 500 subscribers are found.

2. That this work be published in Philadelphia, under the direction of Pastor Schmidt and Dr. Helmuth, and that they be the committee to make the necessary selections for its contents.

3. That the work appear under the title: "Evangelisches Magazin, herausgegeben unter der Aufsicht der Ev. Luth. Synode in Pennsylvanien und den benachbarten Staaten" [Evangelical Magazine, published under the Supervision of the Ev. Luth. Synod in Pennsylvania and Adjacent States].

4. That each member of the Ministerium hereby promise to send original articles to the committee quarterly, postpaid.

The collections for the Synodical Treasury were paid in, and the use to be made of them was determined.

The amount paid in this year was in total, \$359.65½; hereupon the Treasurer read his last year's account.

Resolved, That Mr. I. Nicol. Hemping be given \$75 as a loan to enable him to study.

Resolved, That Mr. Paul Hinkel be the traveling preacher this year, for three months in the States of Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee; and that Dr. Helmuth communicate to him the resolution of Synod, and at the same time advise him to have no dealings with camp-meetings, if he should find such departures from our Evangelical ways.

Resolved, That Mr. Scriba be appointed traveling preacher for three months, under the same conditions, in the western and northwestern parts of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the Treasurer pay him \$30.00 in advance, as soon as he starts on his journey; and that he be permitted to accept congregations in those districts.

Resolved, Concerning No. 20, a petition from Mr. Stock to the Synod, for assistance in his great poverty, that \$20 be sent him from the Synodical Treasury.

Thereupon \$15 were granted each of the poor preachers' widows,

Jung, Kurtz, Krug, Ludgen, Weinland and Fogt, and the session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, P.M.

The session was opened with prayer, and the above-mentioned report of the committee concerning the question at issue in Tulpehocken was read and accepted.

The District Conferences handed in their reports. The Philadelphia District had a pleasant meeting; in the others no conferences were held.

The Pastoral Letter was now distributed, and each preacher was allowed seventy copies.

The following reports of the number of congregations, baptized, confirmed, communicants and deceased were handed in:

		Congrega- tions.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
1. Doctor Helmuth	} Philada . .	1	541	62	1000	173	6
2. Pastor Schmidt.							
3. Doctor Mühlenberg, Lancaster		1	171	64	460	26	1
4. Pastor Streit, Winchester . .		—	—	—	—	—	—
5. “ Meltzheimer, Hanover		—	87	14	345	27	2
6. “ Henckel, New Market		—	—	—	—	—	—
7. “ Kurtz		1	142	—	233	66	1
8. “ Schäfer		3	130	27	374	23	1
9. “ Lochman		5	133	63	490	26	4
10. “ Schmucker		6	229	107	574	34	6
11. “ Carpenter		—	—	—	—	—	—
12. “ Dill [Diehl].		2	43	—	74	4	1
13. “ Jäger		4	115	79	435	25	4
14. “ Endress		4	195	—	550	41	9
15. “ Stauch		—	228	41	216	—	7
16. “ Rothrauf		—	157	34	316	16	3
17. “ Plitt		6	164	64	633	20	4
18. “ Herbst		6	228	109	418	27	4
19. “ Steck		—	275	122	376	32	7
20. “ Geisenheimer [hainer]		6	106	62	783	22	7
21. “ Röller		5	104	79	414	19	3
22. “ Forster		8	807	104	875	14	4
23. “ Jasinsky		2	48	30	185	15	1
24. “ Flohr		—	174	63	203	21	4
25. “ Buttler		8	18	—	83	—	—
26. “ Mühlenberg, Jr.		4	134	73	420	33	1
27. “ Knosky		7	195	83	710	23	6
28. “ Petersen		5	121	15	351	17	3

	Congrega- tions.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
29. Pastor Walter	8	218	41	523	27	7
30. Mr. Sanno	4	197	82	367	13	1
31. " Kramer	—	66	—	82	8	—
32. " Mensch	4	97	35	186	28	4
33. " D. Schäfer	3	185	54	289	28	—
34. " Heine	4	105	90	542	9	4
35. " S. Schäfer	5	161	112	417	17	1
36. " Hecht	3	88	—	219	15	3
37. " Miller	3	140	100	696	29	4
38. " Heim	4	134	29	76	12	1
39. " Bätis	5	102	128	423	19	5
40. " Ullrich	10	244	80	976	22	6
41. " Weigand	4	135	43	326	7	1
42. " Osterlo	4	65	45	137	6	2
43. " Engel	6	133	97	320	15	1
44. " Vanhoff	4	85	52	290	19	4
45. " Merckel	4	61	39	84	5	—
46. " Sackman	2	76	50	167	13	1
47. " Meendson [Meendsen] .	4	110	43	445	23	4
48. " Ernst	1	6	15	—	—	—
49. " Colson	4	117	47	119	20	3
50. " Rehman	8	193	21	444	14	4

Dr. Helmuth reported concerning a [new] "Choralbuch," which was to be printed in Philadelphia, and to contain 220 tunes for our Hymn Book, and wished that it might be introduced generally into all our congregations. The Synod for its part, promised heartily to support it, in case the corporation of the Ev. Luth. congregation in Philadelphia retained the copyright.

With reference to the Pastoral Letter of next year, it was desired that it treat of the external and internal condition of our church in North America; but the Synod left it to the Senior to choose the subject. It was, however, resolved:

1. That it be the first article in our Evangelical Magazine, and
2. That the report of our Synodical Transactions, which shall be given in the Magazine, shall be preceded by the names of all the ordained members, candidates and catechists belonging to this Ministerium.
3. That it be permitted to insert in the Magazine historical accounts of the origin of each of the congregations connected with us, and of

the evidence of the care and guidance of the Lord Jesus in their preservation and increase.

The choice of the place and time of next year's Synod was taken up, and when the votes were gathered the majority was for : Time, Trinity Sunday; place, Carlisle.

Thereupon the Synodical Meeting was closed with a hymn and prayer, and the delegates were dismissed. This evening Pastor Schaefer preached on Rom. 8 : 1.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

On Wednesday morning, June 12th, the President opened the Ministerial Meeting with prayer, and the business was begun.

No. 3. The complaint against Mr. Forster, that he takes his office too lightly and without understanding preaches much on the Apocalypse, was referred to Pastors Schaefer and Roeller, as a committee. Whereupon it was resolved, that the Ministerium cannot at present have anything to do with this accusation, because of the great distance, and the insufficiency of the reports.

No. 28. Concerning the complaints of a number of members of congregations in Northampton County against Rev. Mr. Jäger, Preachers Kurtz and Lochman were appointed a committee, and upon their motion it was resolved, that although both sides seem to have erred, yet the Ministerium, for important reasons, cannot have anything to do with these accusations, and that a committee of two members inform the complainants.

No. 24. Concerning the discussion between Mr. Geisenheimer, Jr., and Mr. Dill, the following gentlemen, Doctor Mühlenberg, Pastor Endress and Pastor Jasinsky, were appointed a committee to investigate the matter. This committee made the following report : 1. That human weakness was shown on both sides, G—— gave too ready audience to evil reports concerning a brother, and may also have repeated them ; D—— made too much of this, and did not try the easier way of a soft answer, which turneth away wrath, but harshly rebuked his brother.— 2. That therefore both brethren have cause in view of their weakness to acknowledge their fault before God, to forgive each other, and to show more love and meekness. 3. That it were well if one or the other would move away from the neighborhood, and make room.

The Ministerium was gratified to see that both brethren publicly forgave each other, and joined hands in token of renewed fellowship.

No. 15. For the investigation of the point concerning Mr. Ullrich's conduct, Preachers Kurtz, Endres and Röllner were appointed, who made the following report on it: 1. That they disapprove Mr. Ullrich's conduct in reference to his promise of marriage, and believe that he has acted in an unprincipled manner.

2. That they have noticed throughout that Mr. Ullrich has fallen into the habit of being too ready with improper asseverations.

The committee therefore moves that the Senior earnestly and seriously reprimand Mr. Ullrich for his fault.

This report was adopted, and it was resolved, that the Senior give him this two-fold reprimand privately.

APPLICANTS FOR THE MINISTRY.

1. Mr. Minig, student. 2. Mr. Ernst, student. 3. Mr. Colson, student. 4. Mr. Leist, student.

The candidates and catechists handed in their sermons and diaries:

Sermon. Diary.		Sermon. Diary.	
Sanno	0 0	Weigand . . .	1 1
Scriba	1 1	Heim	1 1
Mensch	1 1	Engel	1 1
D. Schaefer . .	1 0	Osterlo	1 1
Heine	0 0	Vanhoff	1 1
Miller	1 1	Merckel	1 0
Hecht	1 1	Sackman	1 1
S. Schaefer . .	1 1	Mundsen	1 1
Bätis	1 1	Ernst	1 1
Ullrich	1 1		

The following were appointed to examine the applicants:

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| 1. Doctor Mühlenberg | } Colsen and Ernst. |
| Pastor Schäfer | |
| 2. Pastor Jäger | } Menig and Leist. |
| Pastor Dill | |

On the papers, the following committees were appointed:

1. Messrs. Kurtz, Plitt and Herbst took Sanno, Scriba, Mensch, D. Schaefer. 2. Mühlenberg, Jr., Geisenheimer, Jasinsky took Miller, Heine, Hecht, Bätis, S. Schäfer. 3. Lochman, Endress, Walter, Buttlar took Ullrich, Weigand, Heine and Engel. 4. Dr. Helmuth, Forster, Knosky, Petersen took Osterlo, Vanhoff, Merckel, Sackman and Meendesen.

The session adjourned, and met again at 12 o'clock.

12 O'CLOCK A.M.

The committees brought in their opinions of the papers of the candidates and catechists.

First committee: Mr. Mensch's has our entire approval; we recommend him for ordination. Mr. Scriba's, middling (mittelmässig). Mr. D. Schaefer's, inferior to even Scriba's disposition.

Second committee: Mr. Hecht's, middling and dry, adorned with poetic flights; Miller's, good (schön), thorough, edifying; Bätis's, good and from the heart, but full of Anglicisms; S. Schäfer's, good, if he had had another text than Noah's dove.

Third committee: Mr. Heim's, simple, but from the heart, full, however, of orthographic errors; Engel's, good (gut), but it is doubtful whether he wrote it; Weigand's, simple, but much [in it] for the heart; Ullrich's, it is very doubtful whether he wrote it himself.

Fourth committee: Tiedeman's petition for renewal of his license shall be granted; Merkel's paper is very defective, and taken from others; Osterlo's, doubtful whether he wrote it himself; Sackmann is a useful man, and his sermon is full of common sense; Meendsen and Vanhoff give evidence of great diligence and skill.

The committee on the applicants' reports:

Mr. Colson's sermon is better than his printed ones which he brought along from Europe, and have little that is Christian in them; Mr. Ernst's is commendable; both are recommended for admission; Mr. Menig was recommended as a candidate; Mr. Leist was put off with a hopeful prospect.

The morning session was closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P.M.

The above-mentioned reports, Nos. 15, 3 and 28, were handed in and disposed of.

The licenses of the following men were then renewed: Sanno, Mensch, D. Schaefer, Heine, Bätis, Ullrich, Weigand, Heim, Osterlo, Vanhoff, Merkel, Sackman, S. Schaefer, Scriba, Miller, Hecht, Meendsen.

Concerning Messrs. Lange, Meyer, Kramer and Engel, it was unanimously *Resolved*, That the Ministerium is not ready to renew their licenses.

It was unanimously resolved,

1. That none of the candidates be ordained this year.
2. That Messrs Wilh. G. Ernst, O. W. Colson and G. Menig should be licensed as candidates.

3. That Mr. Melzheimer's request concerning Mr. Rudisill be granted, to authorize him to serve as assistant to his teacher.

The licenses were handed out, and the Ministerial Meeting was closed with an earnest prayer.

This evening Rev. Mr. Endress preached on Rom. 15 : 33.

This is certified by

J. GEORGE SCHMUCKER,
Secretary.

[The Ministerial Meeting is summarized thus in the printed Protocol.]

The preachers sat down together in fraternal harmony, and considered many important circumstances of our congregations. It was pleasant and touching to see so many pastors together, and the wish doubtless was felt in many of them : Oh, that we all might express but one mind and one end in our transactions : to care for the good of the church conscientiously as before the Lord ; to further love, peace and concord in doctrine and life among us ; to strengthen and encourage ourselves mutually in our important calling ! There were several unpleasant accusations, which deeply moved all hearts. The erring brother was corrected, and we had the great pleasure of seeing that he took the correction gladly and gratefully. Human weaknesses were rebuked in another, and we rejoiced to note his contrition, humility and resignation. Counsel, instruction and information were given where desired ; and we encouraged each other to continue with all faithfulness in the Word of the Lord, according to the grace which the Great Shepherd will grant, whose work in His church we are doing.

Messrs. Minnig, Ernst, and Colson had applied for admission, were examined, and received as candidates. Messrs. Tiedeman, Rudisill, and afterwards, through the officers, Nicolaus Schmucker, were received as catechists.

The Ministerium was in session, owing to its numerous duties, until 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Then all the pastors present knelt together before God, and commended themselves and all their dear congregations in a touching manner to the protection of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This evening Rev. Mr. Endress preached on Rom. 15 : 33, and the Senior Doctor Helmuth dismissed the Synod with the warmest, most cordial wishes of blessing for them and their congregations.

This is certified by

JOH. FRIEDRICH SCHMIDT,
President.
GEORGE SCHMUCKER,
Secretary.

SIXTY-FIFTH CONVENTION.

1812.

SYNODICAL MEETING

HELD IN CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, MAY 24, 25, 26, 27, 1812.

The preachers and delegates assembled in the parsonage on Sunday morning, and went in two processions to the Lutheran and Reformed churches. The following gentlemen preached :

1. In the Lutheran Church, in the morning, Dr. Helmuth, on Psalm 48 : 13, 14, 15, and Dr. Mühlenberg conducted the consecration services ; in the afternoon, Rev. Schmucker, on Sam. 3 : 22, 23 ; in the evening, Pastor Schäffer, on Col. 1 : 27.

2. In the Reformed Church, in the morning, Rev. Jäger, on I Cor. 1 : 30-31 , in the afternoon, Pastor Kurtz, on Hos. 13 : 9.

Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, the Synod met in the new Lutheran church, and the Senior Reverendi Ministerii opened it with a touching prayer.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD PRESENT AND DELEGATES WITH CREDENTIALS.

1.	Dr. Helmuth,	Philadelphia,	Joh. Lange.
2.	" Mühlenberg,	Lancaster,	Benj. Schaum.
3.	Rev. Melzheimer,	Hanover,	— — — — —
4.	" Kurtz,	Baltimore,	Daniel Hofman.
5.	" Schäfer, Sr.,	Germantown,	— — — — —
6.	" Jäger,	Allentown,	— — — — —
7.	" Lochman,	Lebanon,	Georg Schott
8.	" Schmucker,	York,	Jacob Obb.
9.	" Geisenheiner, Sr.,	New York,	— — — — —
10.	" Endress,	Easton,	— — — — —
11.	" Rothrauf,	Greencastle,	Jac. Keller.
12.	" Plitt,	New Holland,	Jac. Ringwald.
13.	" Dill,	Plainfield,	Georg Zell.
14.	" Flohr,	Wythe County, Va.,	— — — — —

15.	Rev. Grobp,	Taneytown,	Lud. Kesselring.
16.	" Stauch,	New Lisbon, Ohio, . .	Sam. Stauch.
17.	" Gräber,	Middletown,	Joh. Schmidt.
18.	" Mühlenberg, Jr., .	Reading,	Peter Stichter.
19.	" Geisenheiner, Jr.,	Whitehall,	Nic. Währly.
20.	" Herbst,	Manchester,	Adam Huber.
21.	" Moeller,	Chambersburg, . . .	Joh. Rothbaust.
22.	" Buttler,	Fort Cumberland, . .	— — — — —
23.	" Knosky,	Kutztown,	J. Nic. Ernst.
24.	" Walter,	Middleburg,	Christ. Klein.
25.	" Sanno,	Carlisle,	And. Emminger.
26.	Mr. Scriba,	— — — — —	— — — — —
27.	" Rehman,	Abbottstown,	Joh. Joseph.
28.	" Mensch,	Springfield,	Joh. Keller.
29.	" Haas,	Huntingdon,	— — — — —
30.	" Melzheimer, Jr., .	Bender's Church, . .	Jac. Gilbert.
31.	" Kessler,	Cumberland,	Adam Leidig.
32.	" D. Schaeffer, . . .	Frederick,	Fried. Heisle.
33.	" Heine,	Macunshy,	Philip Klein.
34.	" S. Schaeffer, . . .	Hagerstown,	David Herre.
35.	" Hecht,	Pottsgrove,	Philip Newman.
36.	" Miller,	Goshenhoppen,	Mich. Reiter.
37.	" Heim,	Buffalo,	Joh. Leisenring.
38.	" Ullrich,	Tulpehocken,	Joh. Huster.
39.	" Bätis,	Schaferstown,	Mich. Klein.
40.	" Weigandt,	Washington County, .	— — — — —
41.	" Osterloh,	Luzerne County, . . .	Georg. Anstatt.
42.	" Vanhoff,	Jonestown,	Joh. Stroh.
43.	" Engel,	Blumsburg,	Peter Moses.
44.	" Sackman,	Loudon, Virginia, . .	— — — — —
45.	" Ernst,	Elizabeth Township, .	Joh. Wölfe.
46.	" Minig,	— — — — —	— — — — —
47.	" Tiedeman,	— — — — —	— — — — —
48.	" Rudisill,	— — — — —	— — — — —
49.	" Weygand,	Whitpain,	Joh. Stein.
50.	" Schmucker, Jr., . .	Woodstock,	— — — — —

Preachers absent were : Henckle, Carpenter, Forster, Spindler, Jasinsky, Ilgen, Röller, Steck, Petersen.

Candidates absent were : Riemenschneider, Simon, Merkel, Meendsen, Colsen.

There were present, therefore, 50 preachers, 85 delegates from con-

gregations. The body of the Synod thus consisted of 135 members, the greatest number together since the organization of this Ministerium.

Hereupon the officers were elected for one year :

1. Pastor Kurtz, President.
2. Rev. Mr. Schmucker, Secretary.
3. Pastor Lochman, Treasurer.

The communications numbering thirty-six were handed in, and the preachers and delegates divided themselves into nine committees, to examine the papers and report in the afternoon.

The morning session was closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer, the committees handed in their reports, and the business was begun. Concerning the decease of two respected (*wohlverdienter*) fathers of our Synod, the following was moved and adopted :

1. That in the future, the death of any preacher of this Synod be published in the newspapers ; and that every member of this Ministerium on all such occasions wear mourning for thirty days, putting crape about his hat as soon as he learns of it.

2. That the members of this Ministerium wear mourning for thirty days in view of the decease of their dear and highly respected President, the Rev. Pastor Schmidt, of Philadelphia, and of the worthy Pastor Streit, of Winchester.

Concerning the communication of Mr. Hinkel, traveling preacher of last year, in which he makes a demand on the Ministerium for \$10, and asks that \$5 be sent to Widow Krug, and five copies of the Magazine to himself for the remainder, it was resolved that his request be granted.

The Barren Hill congregation testifies to its satisfaction with Mr. Christian Schäfer, and asks for his admission. Referred to the Ministerium.

Concerning the Christian and conscientious question of Mr. Simon: Whether he be permitted to give communion to Reformed people also, it was *Resolved*, That in *case of necessity* it might be given to any Protestant in good standing, if he cannot have the services of his own pastor, and that Mr. Lochman send him this answer.

Concerning the fraternal communication of the North Carolina Synod, which was read,

Resolved, 1. That it be published and answered in our Evangelical Magazine, with a preface by the Senior.

2. That he recommend our Hymn Book to that Synod.

3. That a copy of our Magazine, Nos. 1 to 5, be sent to that Synod, as evidence of our affection and gratitude.

Concerning the letter from Stark County, Ohio, in which they ask for a preacher, the Synod advised them to apply to the preachers in that district.

Concerning Mr. Cramer's communication, the Synod resolved, That it can not yet have anything to do with the Professor, because there is no sure evidence of his actual reformation.

Regarding the complaints against Mr. Forster, from the neighborhood of New Lancaster, the Synod desires that the matter be investigated by a Special Conference there, which must report to us before we can decide.

Upon the accusations of Mr. Petersen against several of his former congregations, which have not yet made satisfaction for services rendered them, against which accusations delegates defended themselves, the Ministerium could not enter, because Mr. Petersen was not present.

In order to settle the difficulties in Hagerstown concerning preaching in English, both parties were permitted to select one ordained preacher and one delegate each, and the Synod chose the fifth man; these to be a committee to suggest some action in the matter. The German party chose Dr. Helmuth and Mr. Lange; the delegate, Dr. Mühlenberg and Mr. Benj. Schaum; the Synod, Rev. Lochman; and these brought in the following report next day:

1. No language other than the German shall be publicly preached in our German churches, without the consent of the Church Council and a majority of the communicant and contributing members of the congregation which owns the church.

2. The congregation in Hägerstadt is therefore advised to have it publicly announced in its church that the members of the Church Council and the congregation shall decide the question, as their charter requires,—Whether they will be satisfied with the preaching of the Word of God in the German language exclusively, or whether the English language has become necessary alongside of the German, and is now demanded.

3. With the decision of a majority of the votes the members of the congregation shall then be satisfied, and the preacher of the place shall act accordingly.

4. Until the question is decided, the preacher shall refrain from English preaching in the German church. It was accepted in its entirety.

Mr. Bätis was permitted to accept the congregation in Mayerstown,

which had unanimously elected him, and at the same time it was resolved, that he be released from the congregation in the Swamp as soon as there are four other congregations near there which can be supplied.

The favorable testimonial for Mr. Vanhoff from Jonestown and Hummelstown was heard with pleasure; and Mr. Ernst was permitted to accept the call from Elizabeth, Maytown and Columbia.

The congregations at Stähle's, Bleymeier's, Freyen and Flinschbach's, in York County, called Mr. Joh. Herbst, who was granted them, provided he passes his examination. So also was Mr. Schindel granted to the congregations in Sunbury, Rickert's, Peter's and Rieth's, if he is found capable. To the congregations in the State of Ohio, in Fairfield and Packaway, Mr. Leist.

Mr. Osterlo was recommended to the congregation at the Schoolhouse, near Carlisle, and he was permitted to accept those at Langsdorfs and Connodoquinet.

The session was closed with prayer. This evening Mr. Geisenheimer, Sr., preached on II Cor. 3 : 4-11.

TUESDAY MORNING, 6 O'CLOCK.

The morning session was opened with prayer, and the lists of the Baptized, Confirmed, Communicants, Deceased and Schools were handed in.

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
1. Dr. Helmuth	(519)	(60)	(1000)	(165)	(5)
2 " Mühlenberg	199	55	497	51	1
3. Pastor Melzheimer	—	—	—	—	—
4. " Kurz	107	41	301	46	1
5. " Schäffer	139	32	285	27	1
6. " Jäger	116	61	419	27	3
7. " Lochman	126	67	514	31	5
8. " Schmucker	197	108	509	53	5
9. " Endres	150	109	494	32	11
10. " Rothrauf	128	46	428	12	4
11. " Plitt	151	79	637	18	4
12. " Forster	145	56	86	6	4
13. " Dill (Diehl)	45	14	151	7	1
14. " Flohr	188	23	290	19	4
15. " Grobp	97	96	211	14	3
16. " Stauch	304	58	398	11	8
17. " Gräber	90	—	179	25	3
18. " Mühlenberg, Jr.	153	74	582	35	2

		Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
19.	Pastor Geisenhainer	112	74	766	16	7
20.	" Herbst	195	—	335	35	2
21.	" Jasinsky	66	34	153	9	1
22.	" Steck	296	100	472	30	—
23.	" Möller	118	37	215	19	3
24.	" Buttler	21	7	89	1	—
25.	" Knosky	300	101	1051	25	7
26.	" Walter	284	203	777	38	8
27.	" Petersen	70	13	171	18	—
28.	Mr. Sanno	167	41	293	18	1
29.	" Scriba	137	—	30	—	—
30.	" Rieman	125	86	207	13	3
31.	" Mensch	105	37	234	24	4
32.	" Haas	35	40	90	9	—
33.	" Melzheimer, Jr.	26	45	165	5	—
34.	" Kessler	56	34	91	12	2
35.	" D. Schäfer	150	106	476	23	3
36.	" Heine	104	38	620	20	2
37.	" Riemenschneider	32	19	231	—	—
38.	" S. Schäfer	170	81	578	11	1
39.	" Hecht	123	93	205	21	3
40.	" Miller	156	51	743	26	4
41.	" Heim	155	34	217	22	1
42.	" Ullerich	169	159	1021	33	5
43.	" Bätis	133	52	501	21	6
44.	" Weygandt	159	48	482	7	2
45.	" Osterloh	62	30	115	11	4
46.	" Vanhoff	106	80	408	16	4
47.	" Engel	125	30	244	18	3
48.	" Sackman	79	15	115	10	—
49.	" Meendsen	209	42	427	53	6
50.	" Ernst	22	—	13	10	3
51.	" Colson	94	45	140	—	3
52.	" Münig	139	60	423	24	6
53.	" Weyand	37	—	—	—	—

The morning session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The session was opened with prayer, and the business was begun.

Messrs. Plitt, Heine and Hoffman were appointed a committee to

audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and found everything correct. A balance of \$509.79½ was left in the treasury from last year.

Messrs. Mühlenberg, Jr., Schaum and Lange were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of Mr. Lex with reference to our Magazine. They were found correct, and the Synod resolved, that the Synod thank Mr. Lex in writing for his trouble, and that Mr. Lochman prepare this communication in the name of the Synod.

The preachers were asked individually, in the order in which their names stand upon the roll, to state how many copies of the Magazine they could dispose of. The answers were noted, and Messrs. Lochman and Lange distributed the copies. Such as are not disposed of may be returned at the next Synod.

The preachers now examined the print of Dr. Luther's picture, which Mr. Lange showed them; 51 copies were subscribed for.

The following petitions were read:

1. From the congregation in Washington, that we admit Mr. Hyet.
2. From the congregation in Jefferson County, State of Ohio, that we admit Mr. Joh. Reinhart.
3. From the congregation in Belmont, Jefferson, Guery and Muskingum Counties, that we admit Mr. Anthony Weyer.

These petitions were referred to the Ministerium, where the men are first to be examined. A petition was also read from the congregation in Turtle Creek, Indiana, in which Mr. And. Alms is recommended for admission; with whom, however, we could have nothing to do at the time, because Mr. Steck had given warning against him.

The President asked permission to go home, which was granted him.

The session was closed with prayer.

3 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer, and Dr. Mühlenberg was chosen President *pro tem*.

At the time for the choice of a place for the next Synod, the question was put whether the old Synodical resolution, according to which the Synod must be held west of the Susquehanna every three years, shall be annulled? There were 32 votes in favor and 36 opposed.

The time and place of next year's Synod were decided upon: 1. Time, Trinity Sunday. 2. Place, Reading.

In reference to the Synodical Treasury, the following distribution of the moneys was determined upon:

1. That the poor preachers' widows, Kurtz, Krug, Lüdgen, Weynland and Streit, be granted \$20 each this year.
2. That Mr. Probst be advanced a loan of \$50 to aid him in his

studies, as soon as one of the preachers is willing to begin to instruct him.

3. That Mr. Jacob Strein receive \$50, a similar loan.

In reference to the traveling preachers, it was resolved :

1. That Mr. Tiedeman visit the State of Ohio and the western parts of Pennsylvania for three months, and receive one month's salary in advance.

2. That Mr. Abraham Reck visit the vacant congregations in New Virginia for three months, as traveling preacher, with the additional clause that if he find congregations which desire to accept him as preacher, he be permitted to accept them.

3. That Mr. Paul Hinckle be one of our traveling preachers for three months, in such regions as he himself deems most necessary.

4. *Resolved*, That each traveling preacher of this Synod in future receive \$33.33 for each month actually spent in traveling, and that Mr. Tiedeman be paid for one month in advance.

5. Mr. Scriba reports that he received \$31 in his journeys and received \$30 in advance ; therefore asks \$39 from the Synod, which was granted him.

Resolved, That Mr. Daniel Dunn be permitted to visit the vacant congregations in New Virginia, and that the officers have liberty to renew his license for congregations in that place.

Concerning a petition from Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in which request is made for a preacher : *Resolved*, That any candidate be permitted to visit and accept these congregations.

The Synodical Meeting was closed with prayer and the delegates were dismissed.

This evening Rev. Mr. Knosky preached on Matth. 7 : 19, 20, 21.

MINISTERIAL TRANSACTIONS.

WEDNESDAY A.M., 9 O'CLOCK.

Applicants for the ministry were the following : Nicolaus Hemping, Abraham Reck, Adam Rudisill, Anthony Weyher, Peter Schindel, Joh. Herbst, Nicolaus Schmucker, Joh. Reinhart, Heinrich Huet, Joh. Becker, Jacob Leist, Christian Schäfer, Daniel Dunn.

Friedrich Küster and And. Alms also applied, but were rejected, the latter in consequence of a letter from Rev. Mr. Steck.

The candidates and catechists handed in their papers:

	Diary.	Ser- mon.	Li- cense.		Diary.	Ser- mon.	Li- cense.
Mr. Scriba . .	1	1	—	Mr. Weygandt .	1	1	1
“ Rieman . .	1	1	1	“ Osterlo . .	1	1	1
“ Mensch . .	1	1	1	“ Vanhoff . .	1	1	1
“ Melzheimer	1	1	1	“ Sackman . .	1	1	1
“ Haas . . .	—	1	1	“ Meendsen .	1	1	1
“ Kessler . .	—	—	1	“ Ernst . . .	1	1	—
“ D. Schäfer.	1	1	1	“ Colsen . .	—	—	1
“ Heine . .	1	1	1	“ Minig . .	1	1	1
“ Riemen- schneider.	1	1	1	CATECHISTS.			
“ S. Schäfer .	1	1	1	Mr. Rudisill . .	—	—	1
“ Hecht . .	1	1	1	“ Tiedeman . .	—	2	—
“ Miller . .	1	1	1	“ Schmucker .	1	1	1
“ Heim . .	—	1	1	“ Engel . .	—	1	1
“ Ullerich .	1	1	1	“ Weyand . .	1	1	—
“ Bätis . . .	1	1	1	“ Dunn . .	—	1	1
				“ Heping . .	—	1	1

The ordained preachers divided into committees and took the papers to report on them.

1st committee. Drs. Mühlenberg, Flor; report, Heping writes a good, well-connected sermon; in Greek he is fair, Weyand tolerably good.

2d committee. Rev. Melzheimer. Tiedeman's license can be renewed.

3d committee. Revs. Schäfer, Gräber. The work of Dunn, Weygand, Schmucker is good; they shall continue to study diligently.

4th committee. Revs. Jäger, Stauch. S. Schäfer's sermon is thorough and well ordered; Mensch's, also truly evangelical; Haas' also.

5th committee. Revs. Endress, Herbst. Rieman, a very good (schöne) sermon; Scriba's, good in the beginning; D. Schäfer's tolerable.

6th committee. Revs. Rothrauf, Möller. Heine, sermon and diary, connected, instructive, edifying; Melzheimer, also; Heim, also.

7th committee. Revs. Geisenhainer, Walter. Riemenschneider's sermon pleased them; Miller and Hecht are gratifying.

8th committee. Revs. Plitt, Geisenhainer. Bätis, Ullrich and Weygand are gratifying.

9th committee. Revs. Dill, Grobp. Vanhoff, very good [schön] and well ordered; Sackman's, weak, but well meaning; Osterlo, not orderly in his work.

10th committee. Revs. Mühlenberg, Knoske. The sermon of Ernst is very excellent; he has fine attainments; Münich, sermon is good, in other branches he is weak; Engel's sermon, very mediocre.

MOTION.

Pastor Plitt made a motion for an addition to the Constitution, which he gave over to be considered until next year. It reads as follows:

1. A fourth rank of preachers shall be appointed, with the title of Ordained Deacons.

2. The number of preachers hitherto ordained shall not be increased by receiving any one who

(a) does not have, in addition to other theological attainments, also the ability correctly to translate the Greek Testament and a Latin prose writer, at least with the aid of a lexicon, and who cannot write his mother tongue orthographically;

(b) who has not had a three years' course of theological training in the United States or for the same length of time served congregations here in an exemplary way.

(c) With these limitations it is left to the judgment of the Ministerium, to ordain candidates immediately as pastors or only as deacons. When the time comes that such deacons are to be advanced to be pastors, this may be done by a second laying on of hands¹ and another certificate of ordination.

3. Deacons shall have all the privileges of pastors, with the following exceptions:

(a) They are not to be elected officers of the Ministerium.

(b) They shall not change congregations without the consent of the Ministerium or its officers.

(c) They shall have the privilege in the Ministerial Meeting to express their opinions in all cases, and to make motions; except when some one is to be advanced to the grade of pastor, or is being examined for this purpose; in which case they are requested to withdraw.

The following men were proposed for ordination, and examined by Messrs. Geisenhainer, Sr., Lochman and Melzheimer: Sanno, Mensch, Haas, Melzheimer, Jr., David Schaefer and Heine. The Fathers, Doctor Helmuth, Doctor Mühlenberg and Pastor Melzheimer, performed the solemn ceremony in the church at 11 o'clock.

The applicants were examined by Messrs. Schaeffer, Sr., Jäger and Moeller, and proposed and approved for full licenses.

The President declared in the name of the Ministerium, that here-

¹ Originally: "by a simple declaration of the Ministerium," corrected as in the text.

after none should be ordained as pastor who has not been regularly educated for the ministry.

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Lochman earnestly reprimand Mr. Forster in the name of the Ministerium, for assuming the right to grant Mr. Weyher a license.

Finally Mr. Dill made a violent accusation against Mr. Geisenhainer, Jr., which was put into the hands of a committee to investigate it on the ground. Each party chose two men, and the Ministerium chose the fifth. Messrs. Jäger, Endres, Mühlenberg, Plitt and Knoske were appointed.

As Doctor Mühlenberg asked permission to go home, Pastor Melzheimer was chosen President *pro tem.*, and presided on Wednesday afternoon.

Resolved, That the officers of the Ministerium grant Mr. F. Christian Schaefer a full license as soon as he attain the required age.

Resolved, That Mr. Sackman may accept the congregations near Grün-castel, and that the President renew his license for that place.

After the President had called all the candidates forward, and read a statement of their duties with an earnest admonition, a hymn was sung and all the pastors present knelt before God, and commended themselves and their congregations to the Great Shepherd.

SIXTY-SIXTH CONVENTION.

1813.

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD IN READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNA., JUNE 13, 14, 15 AND 16, 1813.

On Sunday morning the preachers and delegates assembled in the parsonage, and went in procession to the Lutheran and Reformed churches.

A.M.—Dr. Helmuth preached on Matt. 11: 16, 17, in the Lutheran church; and Pastor Lochman on II Tim. 2: 19, 20, 21, in the Reformed. P.M.—Pastor Schmucker on Isa. 12: 3. In the evening, Pastor Endres on Tit. 1: 2. On Saturday evening, Pastor Schaefer, Sr., had preached.

MONDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock the preachers and delegates assembled in the Lutheran church, and Dr. Helmuth, as Senior, opened the Synod with an earnest prayer, whereupon business was begun.

The roll was called, and the following preachers were found to be present:

1. Dr. Helmuth Philadelphia.
2. " Mühlenberg Lancaster.
3. Pastor Schaefer, Sr. . . . Philadelphia.
4. " Jäger Allentown.
5. " Schmucker York.
6. " Lochman Lebanon.
7. " Endress Easton.
8. " Dill Plainfield.
9. " Gräber Middletown, Maryland.
10. " Mühlenberg, Jr. Reading.
11. " Geisenheimer Whitehall.
12. " Jasinsky Pikeland.
13. " Herbst, Sr. Manchester.
14. " Möller Chambersburg.
15. " Rölller Goshenhoppen.
16. " Buttler Fort Cumberland.

17. Pastor Knosky Kutztown.
18. " Walther Mittelburg.
19. " Sanno Carlisle.
20. " Mensch Springfield.
21. " Haas Huntingdon.
22. " D Schaefer Frederickstadt.
23. " Heine. Makunschy.

CANDIDATES.

24. Mr. Scriba.
25. " S. Schaefer Hagerstown.
26. " Hecht Pottsgrove.
27. " Miller Goshenhoppen.
28. " Heim Buffalo.
29. " Ullrich Tulpehocken.
30. " Bätis Warwick.
31. " Weigant Washington County.
32. " Osterlo Cumberland County.
33. " Vanhoff Jonestown.
34. " Engel Blumsburg.
35. " Meendsen Northampton County.
36. " Ernst Elizabethtown.
37. " Colson Mount Bethel.
38. " Becker Germantown.
39. " Minnig Pinegrove.
40. " Tiedeman Somerset.
41. " Rudisill York County.
42. " Weilandt Whitpain.
43. " Hemping Leykensthal.
44. " Rich Winchester, Virginia.
45. " Schindel Sunbury.
46. " C. Schäfer Harrisburg.
47. " J. Herbst York County.

The following were absent :

1. Pastor Melzheimer, Sr . . . McAllister.
2. " Kurz Baltimore.
3. " Henkel Point Pleasant, Virginia.
4. " Carpenter Culpepper, Virginia.
5. " Geisenhainer, Sr. New York.
6. " Rothrauf Greencastle.
7. " Forster Ohio.

8. Pastor Flohr Wythe County.
9. " Grob Taneytown.
10. " Spindler Stanton.
11. " Stauch New Lisbon, Ohio.
12. " Ilgen Aaronsburg.
13. " Steck Grünsburg.
14. " Petersen Somerset County.
15. " Melzheimer, Jr Benders' Church.
16. Mr. Rehman Abbotstown.
17. " Keszler Cumberland County.
18. " Riemenschneider Rockingham, Virginia.
19. " Simon Ohio.
20. " Merkel Genessee.
21. " Sackman Loudon, Virginia.
22. " N. Schmucker Millerstadt, Virginia.
23. " Dunn
24. " Reinhardt
25. " Weyer Ohio.
26. " Huet Ohio.
27. " Leist Ohio.

All (most)¹ of these absentees presented their excuses, some in writing and the rest verbally, through others.

The delegates who presented written credentials were :

1. Conrad Haas Philadelphia.
2. Johan Lange Philadelphia.
3. Peter Schindel Lancaster.
4. Philip Kleckner Allentown,
5. Conrad Hoffman Lebanon.
6. ——— Brillinger York.
7. Joh. Brotzman Easton.
8. Peter Stichter Reading.
9. Henrich Siegfried
10. Adam Huber Manchester.
11. Johan Bieber Kutztown.
21. Johan Eyer Mittelburg.
13. Joseph Wagner Huntingdon.
14. Friedrich Heiszly Frederichstadt.
15. Conrad Merz Macunshy.
16. Jacob Schröder Pottsgrove.

¹ Printed minutes.

17. Johan Fuchs New Hanover.
18. Friedrich Steiner Buffalo.
19. J. Adam Ried Tulpehocken.
20. Samuel Rex Schäferstown.
21. Bernhard Siegman Washington County.
22. Adam Kiefer Cumberland County.
23. Simon Wartman Blumsburg.
24. Adam Heckman Northampton County.
25. Michael Kiener Mount Bethel.
26. Nicolaus Beck Elizabethtown.
27. Jacob Duy Germantown.
28. Johan Ried Pinegrove.
29. Carl Emig York County.
30. Henrich Halman Whitpain.
31. Nicolaus Schneider Lyken's Valley.
32. Paul Balty Sunbury.
33. Daniel Stein Harrisburg.
34. Johan Bordner York County.

At this time, therefore, the whole Synod was composed of 47 preachers and 34 delegates, altogether 81 members.

After the delegates had presented their credentials and taken their appointed seats, the vote for officers was taken, and after the ballots had been gathered and counted, it was found that the following pastors had been elected for the term of one year :

Dr. Mühlenberg as President.

Pastor Lochman as Secretary.

Pastor Schäfer, Sr., as Treasurer.

The communications to the Synod were handed to the President and numbered. It was found that there were 27 of them.

With the consent of the Synod five committees were appointed by the President to examine the communications which had been presented, and to report on the contents of the same in the afternoon. Each committee was to be composed of 2 pastors, 1 candidate and 2 delegates.

The first committee was composed of Messrs. Schäfer, Sr., Jäger, Hecht and Delegates Haas and Schindel.

The second, of Messrs. Schmucker, Endress, S. Schafer and Delegates Lange and Kleckner.

The third, of Messrs. Dill, Graber, Miller and Delegates Hoffman and Brillinger.

The fourth, of Messrs. Geisenhainer, Jr., Jasinsky, Ullrich and Delegates Brotzman and Stichter.

The fifth, of Messrs. Möller, Rölller, Bätis and Delegates Eyer and Rex.

Then the Protocol of last year's meeting of Synod was read, and the preachers handed in the number of their baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools as follows :

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Dr. Helmuth } Pastor Schäfer }	388	81	850	115	5
Dr. Mühlenberg	171	52	460	43	1
Pastor Kurz	126	—	212	63	1
“ Jäger	137	84	492	24	4
“ Lochman	131	70	559	43	5
“ Schmucker	237	87	413	48	4
“ Endress	176	32	452	29	11
“ Flohr	63	30	84	12	2
“ Gräber	84	—	152	20	3
“ Geisenhainer, Jr.	96	42	497	23	6
“ Forster	226	33	157	6	4
“ Ilgen	152	172	787	24	8
“ Herbst, Sr.	184	65	410	34	3
“ Möller	124	37	290	25	2
“ Buttler	83	8	90	7	—
“ Rölller	101	26	435	30	3
“ Rothrauf	124	59	308	25	4
“ Knoske	230	126	1046	43	5
“ Walther	286	46	564	48	8
“ Sanno	228	68	307	9	1
“ Mensch	128	27	213	31	4
“ Haas	40	—	90	6	—
“ D. Schäfer	189	76	473	33	1
“ Steck	351	97	672	24	4
“ Heine	114	71	675	23	3
Mr. Scriba	15	—	—	—	—
“ S. Schäfer	154	47	413	14	2
“ Hecht	127	—	220	26	2
“ Heim	130	13	176	30	2
“ Ulrich	116	75	1090	47	5
“ Bätis	156	78	647	25	6
“ Weigandt	111	—	462	13	2
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" Rudisill	72	76	230	11	3
" Hemping	216	109	641	19	5
" Schindel	100	82	351	33	4
" Reck	52	—	—	—	—
" C. Schäffer	65	83	258	16	3
" Herbst, Jr.	102	17	167	22	4
" Huet	30	—	25	4	—
" Weiland	41	60	301	6	1
" N. Schmucker	123	117	239	—	—

N. B.—In connection with these reports the following should be noted :

1. That it is customary in many congregations to celebrate the Holy Communion, two, three, and four times a year, while in others it is celebrated but once.

2. Furthermore, that in many congregations, young people are confirmed but once in two years; in others, every year; hence it is that some preachers have many confirmed one year, and the next but a few or none at all.

3. Finally, it is also necessary to state that there are many more German schools in our country than are given here. Those given here are only congregational schools which are under the immediate control of the congregation. But there are very many other German schools which neighboring farmers have established among themselves, and of which they themselves have control. For this reason these latter are not found in the above enumeration.

The morning session was closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

After the Synod had been opened with prayer the committees presented their reports, from which it appeared that

No. 1 was a communication to the Synod from Pastor Kurz. In it he laments his absence—gives to the Synod a report concerning those matters which had come up during his term of office as President of the previous year—heartily recommends that the "Evangelisches Magazin" be continued because he is convinced that the work serves a necessary purpose, and concludes with the wish that the Lord may guide the Synod by His Spirit and bless all their undertakings to the praise of his name and to the good of His church.

No. 2 was a sermon from Pastor Plitt, from which it is evident that he had not only left his congregations in and about New Holland, but has also for this time given up the ministerial office.

No. 3 contained a petition from Mr. Sackman asking permission to celebrate the Holy Communion in McConnelstown.

The Synod gladly consented to this.

No. 4 contained various communications from the State of Ohio, namely:

a.) A report from a special conference which had been held in Fairfield County, October, 1812, signed by Pastors Henkel and Stauch, in which they, together with others, petition for a license for Mr. Samuel Mau. They certify that he has heartily repented of the wrong he committed in leaving the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and express the firm hope that in the future he will be useful and profitable to the church of God.

Since this is a matter for the Ministerium it was decided to postpone it until then.

b.) Also a call from Zion's congregation in Tarn Township for Mr. Leist as their preacher.

This was granted said congregation on condition that they are not already in connection with any other preacher.

c.) Further, a letter from Pastor Forster in which he maintains his innocence with reference to several complaints brought up against him at last year's meeting of Synod, and at the same time also complains against Mr. Leist that he is forcing himself into his congregations. Along with this there was a favorable testimonial for Mr. Forster from Mr. J. Ziegler.

d.) Lastly, this number also contained a report of a special conference held in May, 1813, when, among other matters, the dispute between Mr. Forster and Mr. Leist concerning Ziegler's church in Fairfield County was settled, and to this effect: that the special conference deems it best for Mr. Forster to give up the congregation, and Mr. Leist to take charge of the same.

With reference to this point it was moved and carried that the Synod concur with the decision of the Ohio Special Conference.

No. 5 contained a request from St. John's congregation in Lykens-thal, for permission to have some neighboring preacher visit them to preach to them since the congregation throughout is unwilling to connect itself with the preacher who serves the seven other congregations formerly united with it.

Also a letter from Jacob Schwab, in which he gives a favorable testimonial to the preacher of the seven congregations, and expresses the

wish that he might serve St. John's congregation also. Further, also a letter from Mr. Hemping to the President, in which he depicts the condition of his congregation.

Concerning this point, it was moved that St. John's congregation be advised to unite with the seven other congregations in a friendly and Christian manner, and in the spirit of love to receive and accept Mr. Hemping as their common pastor.

This motion was recorded and carried.

No. 6 contained letters from Pastor Ilgen, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Cramer.

Pastor Ilgen excuses himself for his non-appearance at Synod, transmits the lists of his baptized, etc., and desires that the "Magazine" shall be sent to him by post to Aaronsburg.

Mr. Dunn excuses himself for his absence, and informs the Synod, that on account of his weak condition, he has for some time been unable to perform the duties of his office.

Mr. Cramer humbly prays for the renewal of his license. The committee was of the opinion that the matter of Mr. Cramer should be weighed and decided in the Ministerium—in this Synod concurred.

No. 7 contained letters of excuse from Pastors Rothrauf, Flohr and Steck, in which they express their best wishes for the divine blessing upon the transaction of the business at hand. In addition they transmit their lists of baptized, etc., which are entered at their proper place.

No. 8 was a request of the congregation in and about Meadville, Crawford County, in Pennsylvania, for a preacher. They present their doleful condition in which they find themselves in that they must live without preaching, without baptism, catechetical instruction, confirmation and communion, and beg that they may be cheered and quickened, at least by an occasional sermon.

The Synod heartily deplored that they were without the precious pasture of the Gospel, and determined to care for this district, by sending a traveling preacher thither.

No. 9 was a letter from Winchester, Va., in which the congregation expresses its satisfaction with its preacher, Mr. Reck.

No. 10 contained a call from four congregations, located in Luzerne and Northumberland Counties, Pennsylvania, in which they state that they have received Mr. J. Ernst Ludwig Braunsius as their pastor, and ask for his reception into the Ministerium. Enclosed was a favorable testimonial from Pastor Geisenhainer, Sr., in behalf of said Braunsius. But since the reception of an applicant belongs to the Ministerium, this matter could not be dispatched at this time; nevertheless so much was decided, that if Mr. Braunsius would pass the examination, there should be no hesitation in granting the request.

No. 11 contains a request from the congregations called Bergstrasser, Muddy Creek, Allegheny, Forrest and Schwamm congregations, which heretofore were served by Pastor Plitt, and were connected with New Holland, to have Mr. Filbert as their preacher.

Resolved, That this request be granted, provided Mr. Filbert pass the examination. Also a request from the Strassburg congregation (which heretofore was also connected with the above-named congregations), to have Applicant Probst as their preacher. They also express the desire that the preacher continue to reside at New Holland.

This also, was referred to the Ministerium.

No. 12. A letter of excuse from Mr. Riemenschneider, also a favorable testimonial from the Hummelstown congregation for Mr. Vanhoff, and an expression of thanks from several congregations in the State of Ohio, for sending Mr. Huet to serve as pastor in their congregations.

In connection with this last letter, gratification was expressed at the present condition of the congregations in the State of Ohio, and at the great benefit derived from the institution for the sending out of traveling preachers. Before this arrangement was made, we had as yet no collected congregations and no regular pastors in that state; but now through the efforts of these worthy men who went out as traveling preachers, many, and, in part, quite flourishing congregations have been gathered, so that already six to eight pastors located there, find work enough. What a satisfaction must it therefore be to the supporters of the institution of traveling preachers, that through their contributions they have furthered so good a work! And how many souls may be won through that institution, who will thank them in eternity for their interest!

Here unfortunately a grievous complaint came up against Candidate Weiand concerning the breach of a promise of marriage, and Pastors Schmucker, Endress and Mühlenberg, Jr., together with Deputies Lange, Rex and Heiszley were named as a committee to investigate the matter, and to report on the same.

No. 13 was a letter from three congregations in the State of Ohio, in which several complaints are made against their pastor, Mr. Simon, in which he is accused of not abiding by the old Lutheran form of doctrine. Moved and recorded that this be postponed until the Ministerium.

No. 14. A letter of Pastor Rebenach, in which he sets forth the condition of his congregations, and expresses his satisfaction with many things in the same, but his dissatisfaction with others.

Synod heard these reports with interest, and heartily desired for Mr. Rebenach the blessing of God upon the labors of his office.

No. 15 contained a call to Mr. Jacob Schnee from the congregation at Pittsburg.

Concerning this it was decided that this congregation be given into the care of Mr. Schnee, provided he pass the examination.

No. 16. A report of a Special Conference held in Washington County, in Pennsylvania, in the month of December, 1812. It was a matter of real gratification to the Synod to see that our brethren on the frontier show themselves so active in the spread of the kingdom of God.

No. 17. A call from congregations in Somerset, Samuelis, Berlin, Stoyestown, Gebhardts and Sanders to Mr. Ernst H. Tiedeman, with the information that they have received Mr. Tiedeman as pastor, and desire that he may be confirmed by the Synod as their future pastor.

Decided that a license for said congregations be given to Mr. Tiedeman.

No. 18. A call from two congregations in York County, namely, Jerusalem and Johannis Church, to Mr. Herbst, Jr, who is serving other congregations in the neighborhood.

Resolved, That Mr. Herbst, Jr., be permitted to serve these congregations in addition to his others.

No. 19 was a letter of excuse from Mr. N. Schmucker, with a list of his baptized, etc.

Nos. 20, 21, 22, 23 contained favorable testimonials for Messrs. Schindel, C. Schafer, Engel and Heim, from their respective congregations, and the earnest desire to retain said gentlemen as their preachers.

No. 24 was a communication from a part of a congregation in Rye Township, Cumberland County, reporting that they have accepted Mr. J. Preissler as their pastor, and therefore ask that he may be received and admitted as a member of the Ministerium.

This was referred to the Ministerium.

No. 25 contained a letter from the Church Council of Christ Church in Tulpehocken, in which they desire that Mr. Ullrich be permitted to serve their own, in addition to his other congregations.

Resolved, That this request be granted.

No. 26 was a letter from Frederick Schmidt, Esq., with a contribution of the first two volumes of the "Magazine," handsomely bound in morocco, which he transmitted as a gift to the Synod, through Pastor Mühlenberg, Jr. In the letter he expresses the wish that the said two volumes may be preserved in the archives of the Ministerium, as a token of the high regard which he entertains for the Synod, and for his deceased father. He also desires that the "Magazine" may be continued.

Concerning this it was resolved, that the Synod gratefully accept this

gift, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Schmidt, in the name of the Synod, hearty thanks for the same.

No. 27 contained the Protocol of a Special Conference held in Allentown, in the fall of 1812, at which time the members mutually edified one another, and made several necessary regulations for their congregations.

On motion of the Treasurer of the previous year, a committee was appointed to audit his last year's accounts, and to make a report on the same the next morning. The committee consisted of Messrs. Jassinsky, D. Schäfer and C. Haas.

Closed with prayer.

In the evening Pastor Jäger preached.

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

After the session had been opened with prayer, the President put this question, Whether any of the preachers or deputies present had anything more to present? Upon this, the deputy from St. John's congregation in Lykensthal came forward and urged a change of the decision which had been made under No. 5, with reference to his congregation. He stated that the congregation could not be induced to carry out the decision, because the dissatisfaction was too great, and desired that they, as free people, might so much as have the right, according to their wishes, to receive preachers in their church, upon a visit, at least. Hereupon Mr. Hemping voluntarily came forward and announced that, for the sake of peace, he would give up St. John's congregation in so far that they might invite any other neighboring preacher of the Ministerium to preach in their church, upon a visit; but that he reserves for himself the right to preach in the same at funerals and on other occasions, whenever he shall be asked for. With this the Synod, as well as the deputy, was satisfied.

Upon information that the High-German Reformed Synod had resolved, at their session lately held in Frederickstadt, to keep the first Thursday of next August as a day of repentance and thanksgiving in all their congregations, Rev. Mr. Pauli, of Reading, came forward, and informed the Synod that he was appointed by the Reformed Synod to express the wish before the venerable German Evangelical Lutheran Synod that they might concur with them, and appoint the same day as a day of repentance and prayer.

After a short and fraternal discussion, the following resolution was framed and adopted: *Resolved*, That the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod is ready and willing to keep the first Thursday of next August as a day of repentance and thanksgiving in all their congregations,

provided no other day be set apart for this purpose by the President of the United States, or the Governor of this Commonwealth.

The committee which was appointed to investigate the charge against Mr. Weilandt presented the following report :

The committee, pursuant to the instructions of the Synod, instituted an investigation of this matter, read the letters which were placed in its hands, heard the defence of the accused and conferred with the man who made the charge. The committee finds that Mr. Weilandt has given and has broken a promise of marriage, and that in an unprincipled manner, and without being able to give a well-founded reason for the same.

The committee has the most decided abhorrence of such an unprincipled and cruel act, and regards it as highly reprehensible. It would, therefore, recommend to the Synod, in this case, nothing short of suspension or expulsion. But it calls to mind, with deep sorrow, that this is not the first instance of this sort which has happened among us, and that this rigorous discipline was not exercised in the other cases. The committee, therefore, fears that the former leniency of the Synod has had an influence upon the mind of this young man, so as to weaken his abhorrence of such an act, and sees no reason why he in particular should be singled out to be made an example of and to be punished with the greatest severity.

The committee would, therefore, recommend the following :

1. That the Senior, publicly, before the whole Synod, censure and admonish Mr. Wieandt because of his conduct.

2. That the Synod pass an admonitory resolution, according to which each one may know in advance, by what consequences such conduct among us will be followed.

This report was unanimously adopted, and the following resolution was at once drawn up :

Resolved, That if in the future a member of our Ministerium be guilty of such an act (from which may God in mercy preserve us), and the same be satisfactorily proved before the Synod, he shall no longer be regarded as a member of our organization.

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee which had been appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, handed in the following report :

The accounts of Pastor Lochman, with reference to the Synodical Treasury, have been found perfectly correct. The total income was \$726.72½, and the expenditures, for which he has receipts to show, amounted to \$243.33, consequently there remain in the Synodical Treasury \$483.39½. At the same time, the accounts which he keeps for the

"Magazin" have been found fully correct. His total receipts from May 26, 1812, until June 14, 1813, were \$613.19, and his expenditures for defraying the expenses of the "Magazin" amounted to \$520.37, consequently the balance in this treasury would be \$92.82.

The above amounts were handed over to the new Treasurer.

The contributions of the various congregations were now handed in, and the members paid to the Treasurer the money which they had received for the "Magazin."

The session was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

After the prayer, the matter of the traveling preachers was taken up. On this point it was resolved,

1. That Pastor Henkle again be our traveling preacher for this year, during four months in such regions as he himself may consider the most suitable and needy.

2. That Mr. Sackman also be appointed traveling preacher, to visit the regions in and about Meadville, Pennsylvania, during two months, and that he have permission to take charge of said congregations, if they call him; also that thirty dollars be paid him in advance.

With reference to the appropriation of the Synodical moneys, it was resolved,

1. That to four young students fifty dollars each be appropriated as a loan, to aid them in pursuing their studies.

2. That to our five poor preachers' widows twenty dollars each be allowed out of the Synodical Treasury for this year. N. B.—Besides this, nine dollars of the legacy, which is divided in the Ministerium, were granted to each widow.

3. That to three poor preachers ten dollars each be given as a present.

Concerning the "Evangelical Magazine," the following arrangements were made: That as formerly, four numbers shall be published yearly, under the supervision of Dr. Helmuth, that each preacher shall indicate the place to which his number of magazines shall be sent; that he shall have supervision of the rate of the sale of the same and render a yearly account thereof to the Synod, and finally, that hereafter thirteen copies shall be regarded as one dozen, so that the seller may have the thirteenth copy free of charge.

As there was no more Synodical business to be transacted, a vote was about to be taken to decide upon the time and place of next year's Synodical Meeting. But in this connection the motion was made that the old Synodical resolution (according to which the Synod could be held west of the Susquehanna only every third year) be recalled, so that

every year the majority might remain free to decide upon any suitable place. This motion was seconded, and after careful deliberation, was carried.

Thereupon the time and place of next year's session was determined by ballot, namely: The time, the Trinity Sunday, and the place, Easton.

And now the preachers and the delegates as well, bent their knees before the Lord and commended themselves and the congregations entrusted to them into His further care. They sang several appropriate stanzas and the deputies were dismissed with hearty good wishes.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M., JUNE 16TH.

The President opened this session with an earnest prayer.

It was moved that Pastor Meyer, formerly ordained by the New York Ministerium, and living for the last five years in Bern Township, Berks County, and against whose life and teaching no objections can be made, be received as a member of our Ministerium.

This motion was recorded and unanimously carried.

The hand of fellowship was extended to Mr. Meyer.

According to the order of business, the matter of the Applicants was taken up, and committees were appointed to examine the same.

The candidates handed in their diaries, sermons and licenses, and committees were appointed to examine the same.

At the appointed hour, these committees presented their reports, in which Messrs. Filbert, Schnee and Braunsius were recommended as candidates, and Mr. Probst as catechist.

It was also noted with pleasure, that the papers of the candidates were all worked out in such a manner that their licenses could be renewed with a good conscience. And yet, it was observed, and that with great regret, that several, but nevertheless only a very few, had not sufficiently seasoned their deliverances with the spirit of true Evangelical Christianity. And for this reason, it was resolved, that the President should give such candidates a fatherly reminder in this respect.

3 P.M.

After prayer those points were taken up which had been referred to the Ministerium.

With reference to Mr. Mau, who had been recommended for re-admission into the Ministerium, according to No. 4, by Pastors Henkel and Stauch, it was resolved, that the Ministerium allow him a license for such congregations in Kentucky, as the ordained members of the State of Ohio shall assign to him.

Concerning Mr. Cramer, whose petition, No. 6, came up, it was decided that the Ministerium abide by its last year's resolution, and cannot have anything to do with him this year as yet.

To the question, shall Applicants Filbert, Schnee and Braunsius receive licenses, to serve as candidates in their respective congregations which have called them—a unanimous “yea” was given. See Nos. 10, 11 and 14.

With reference to Mr. Probst, it was resolved, that as a catechist, he shall be under the supervision of Dr. Mühlenberg, and shall perform the duties of the office in the congregation, at Strasburg. See No. 10.

Concerning the complaint of the three congregations in the State of Ohio, against their pastor (No. 13), the following was resolved: That Pastor Lochman, in the name of the Ministerium, should hold up before him, in the spirit of love, the complaints brought against him, and fraternally admonish him, not only to conduct himself more circumspectly, but also to abide by the pure old form of doctrine, and to make no innovations, or there would be hesitation about renewing his license in the future,

With reference to Mr. Preiszler (No. 24), it was resolved that the Ministerium can have nothing to do with him for the present, and that the President in the name of the Ministerium fraternally exhort him to abandon the ministry of the Word.

The licenses of the candidates were then filled out by the officers, and the President handed them to the respective parties, after he had first solemnly read their duties to them, and they by word of mouth, and the joining of hands, had promised before God, faithfully to perform them as evangelical pastors.

Finally all the members present bent their knees—committed themselves and the congregations in their charge to the further care of their Good Shepherd—prayed for the forgiveness of their former unfaithfulness—made the firm resolution to work on in His service with renewed earnestness—and closed with an appropriate hymn. Adjourned until Trinity Sunday, 1814.

DANIEL KURTZ,
President.

GEO. LOCHMAN,
Secretary.

SIXTY-SEVENTH CONVENTION.

1814.

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD AT EASTON, JUNE 5, 6, 7 AND 8, 1814.

On Sunday morning the preachers and delegates met with the Senior of the Ministerium, and went with him in procession to the church.

In the morning Senior Helmuth preached on Jer. 1: 6, 7.

In the afternoon Pastor Lochman preached on II Cor. 9: 2.

In the evening Mr. Herbst, Jr., preached on Luke 15: 18.

On Saturday evening Mr. Hecht had preached.

MONDAY, 9 A.M.

The preachers and delegates assembled in the church.

The Senior opened the session with an earnest prayer, and the stanza,¹ "Sprich ja zu unsern Thaten, u. s. w.," was sung.

As the President was absent on account of indisposition, the Senior took the chair.

The roll of members was called, and the following answered to their names:

1. Dr. Helmuth Philadelphia.
2. Pastor Kurz Baltimore.
3. " Schäfer, Sr. Philadelphia.
4. " Jäger Allentown.
5. " Schmucker Yorktown.
6. " Lochman Lebanon
7. " Mühlenberg, Jr. . . . Reading.
8. " Henr. Geissenheiner . Trappe.
9. " Knoske Kutztown
10. " Walter Mittelburg
11. " Mensch Springfield.
12. " Heine Magunschy.

¹ Eighth stanza of Paul Gerhardt's hymn, "Wach auf mein Herz und singe
"My soul awake and tender?"

CANDIDATES.

13. Mr. Scriba
14. " Sol. Schäfer Hagerstown
15. " Hecht Carlisle.
16. " Miller Goshenhoppen.
17. " Heim Buffalo.
18. " Ulrich Tulpehocken.
19. " Bätis Warwick.
20. " Osterloh Cumberland County.
21. " Vanhoff Jonestown.
22. " Engel Bloomsburg.
23. " Meendsen Northampton County.
24. " Ernst Marietta, Lancaster.
25. " Colson Mount Bethel.
26. " Becker Germantown.
27. " Mennig Pinegrove
28. " Weiant Whitpain.
29. " Hemping Lykens Valley.
30. " Schindel Sunbury.
31. " F. C. Schafer Harrisburg.
32. " Herbst, Jr. York County.
33. " Filbert New Holland.
34. " Schnee Pittsburg.
35. " Braunsius Pottsgrove.
36. " Probst Strasburg.
37. " Döring ———
38. " Wartman ———
39. " [Charles A.] Morris ———

According to this, there were 39 preachers present, and 42 absent.

Delegates from the various congregations, who presented written credentials were :

1. Mr. Heinrich Lehr }
2. " Andreas Busch } Philadelphia.
3. " Joh. Mackenheimer Baltimore.
4. " Andreas Appel Allentown.
5. " Conrad Reinöl Lebanon.
6. " Peter Stichter Reading.
7. " Michael Kroll Kutztown.
8. " Peter Kessler Mittelburg.
9. " Peter Lang Springfield.

10. Mr. Peter Blaser Carlisle.
11. " Jacob Schafer Tulpehocken.
12. " Peter Elser Warwick.
13. " Adam Dreher Bloomsburg.
14. " Jacob Kunz Northampton.
15. " Ludwig Lieder Marietta.
16. " Henr. Heffert Mount Bethel.
17. " Joh. Duy Germantown.
18. " Daniel Kerchner Pinegrove.
19. " Mich. Hartman Whitpain.
20. " Daniel Stein Harrisburg.
21. " Andreas Fleischer New Holland.
22. " ——— Stauch Western District.
23. " Jacob Schanz —————

This time, therefore, the Synod was composed of 62 members. According to the order of business, the election of officers was taken up, and after the vote had been gathered and counted, it appeared that the following pastors were elected for one year :

Pastor Kurz, President,
Pastor Lochman, Secretary, and
Pastor Schäfer, Sr., Treasurer.

After the officers had taken their seats, the communications to the Synod were handed over to the President and numbered.

Upon motion it was resolved that four committees be appointed to examine said communications, and to make a report upon the contents of the same during the afternoon. Two pastors, two candidates and two delegates were appointed on each committee.

According to the order of business, the Protocol of last year's Synodical Meeting should have been read at this point; but, as it was taken for granted that each one had already read the same in the "Magazin," it was dispensed with for this time.

The lists of baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools were handed in :

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Mr. Helmuth . . . }	308	41	839	98	5
" Schäffer . . . }					
" Mühlenberg, Sr. .	158	68	462	33	1
" Kurz	128	41	301	60	1
" Jäger	109	56	414	19	4
" Schmucker . . .	193	105	564	39	5

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Mr. Lochman	149	40	525	39	5
" Mühlenberg, Jr. .	175	70	537	36	2
" Jasinsky	43	28	176	16	1
" Ilgen	146	—	444	22	6
" Herbst, Sr.	195	65	390	26	2
" Möller	115	46	272	26	2
" Buttler	24	—	90	5	—
" Steck	254	17	327	27	4
" Knoske	228	92	1181	68	6
" Walter	251	144	852	32	8
" Mensch	100	24	276	17	4
" D. Schäffer	198	103	681	45	1
" Heine	108	26	593	23	3
" Scriba	20	—	—	1	—
" Kessler	48	10	97	15	—
" S. Schäffer	127	52	487	26	3
" Miller	123	71	793	26	4
" Heim	100	31	156	12	4
" Ulrich	133	45	810	33	6
" Bätis	176	94	578	34	6
" Weigandt	65	15	435	15	2
" Osterloh	100	30	280	25	4
" Vanhoff	132	40	513	22	4
" Engel	143	29	207	14	1
" Sackman	69	19	84	9	—
" Meendsen	120	27	571	39	4
" Ernst	82	—	123	13	3
" Colson	125	19	245	18	4
" Becker	73	61	200	57	1
" Mennig	151	49	541	22	5
" Tiedeman	61	119	257	—	—
" Rudisill	60	—	337	12	3
" Weilandt	47	38	280	18	—
" Hemping	202	78	624	15	5
" Schindel	105	—	406	21	4
" F. C. Schäffer . .	144	71	380	21	2
" J. Herbst, Jr. . .	140	32	265	24	4
" Huet	61	18	54	—	—
" Filbert	88	73	520	21	3
" Schnee	97	59	155	15	4
" Braunsius	107	44	163	6	1
" Probst	18	—	—	7	—
" Döring }	62	57	465	10	3
" Wartman }					

Closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

An earnest prayer for the guidance of the good Spirit opened this session.

The committees presented their reports, according to which it was noticed with pleasure that not a single complaint was made against any preacher, but rather that many communications had come in, which evinced entire satisfaction with the pastors and showed that the work of the Lord was prospering under their care. Especially was it a cause of heartfelt joy for the Synod to find that in many regions unbaptized and otherwise indifferent young men and young women had aroused themselves and publicly, through baptism, had sworn allegiance to the standard of Jesus.

It was also found that all the absent preachers had presented their excuses, either in writing, or verbally through others, and desired for the Synod the blessing of God upon its transactions.

The following communications were handed in, which demand of the Synod closer consideration :

No. 1. A letter from Dr. Mühlenberg, in which he laments his absence, occasioned by his feeble condition, reports to the Synod on those matters which had come up within the sphere of his office as President of the previous year, and recommends Messrs. Probst and Strein as worthy candidates for the ministry.

No. 2. A letter from Pastor Carpenter, in which he announces that, after much fighting, he has left his congregation in Culpepper, and has taken charge of other congregations in Kentucky.

He asks that the Ministerium provide for his now vacant congregation.

Resolved, That an extract from this highly instructive letter be printed in the "Magazine."

No. 3. An address to the Synod, signed by seventy-two persons, living in and about Bardstown, Kentucky, anxiously petitioning for an evangelical pastor, who is able to preach in the English as well as the German language. They present their deplorable condition and promise adequate support to a worthy pastor.

Upon motion, it was resolved that the Synod is ready and willing to advance money for defraying his traveling expenses to any preacher of our connection who may be willing to visit this shepherdless flock and nourish them with God's Word and the Holy Sacraments.

No. 4. A letter from the elders and deacons of Friedens' Church, Northampton County, asking for a preacher. Ordered that the congregation either connect itself with Easton or apply to Mr. Colson to be served.

No. 5. Letters from Pastor Henkel, in which he recounts his work of the previous year as traveling preacher, and as well the condition of the German congregations in Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, and asks that a plain and forcible address to the said Germans be drawn up by the officers of Synod and printed, in order to stir them up to be more concerned about the maintenance of the German schools, the German services and the support of the pastors.

This request was granted, and the officers were accordingly instructed to prepare such an address, print 5000 copies of the same and send them into the remote districts (hintere Gegenden).

It was also resolved that \$40 be allowed Pastor Henkel from the Synodical Treasury for his services performed as traveling preacher.

No. 6. A letter from Henrich Zink, preacher in the State of Tennessee, and No. 7, a letter from Pastor Schober, Secretary of the Carolina Ministerium, were referred to the Ministerial Session.

No. 8. The congregations at Lewistown, Mifflin, Tuscarora and Greenwood desire applicant Heim as preacher, and ask the Ministerium to receive him as candidate.

Upon motion it was resolved that Mr. Heim be permitted to take charge of these congregations, provided he pass the examination.

No. 9. Contained a request from Zion's Church, in Mifflin Township, Cumberland County, that Mr. Osterlo, in addition to his other congregations, be permitted to serve theirs also.

This was cheerfully granted.

No. 10. A letter from Pastor D. Schäfer, of Frederickstadt, in which he pictures the prosperous condition of his congregation, and expresses the desire to have the Synod there next year. He also desires to know to whom he shall deliver up the \$30 handed to him the previous year for the traveling preacher, Mr. Sackman, inasmuch as said brother was unable to continue his traveling because of indisposition, and at the same time he expresses the desire that Widow Krug may not be forgotten.

Upon motion it was resolved that these \$30 be granted to said widow as her appropriation from the treasury for this year.

No. 11. Gave report of a Special Conference held by our western brethren in Columbiana County, Ohio. In this communication these brethren lay the following questions before the Synodical Meeting:

a. Whether the Special Conference of the western district may be permitted to send but one preacher and one delegate from their number to Synod, in order to represent them there?

b. Whether they themselves may examine the sermons and diaries of their candidates, without sending the same to the Ministerium for examination?

c. Whether they, as they think proper, may permit their candidates to take charge of congregations and likewise change the congregations in their licenses.

After mature consideration the first question was answered affirmatively. But the second was not consented to, and in its stead the following resolution was adopted, viz.: That the representatives for each time, from the western district, shall bring with them to the Ministerium the sermons and diaries of their candidates for the purpose of examination. The third request was granted.

No. 12 was a communication from seven congregations in Lyken's Valley, petitioning the recall of the resolution of last year's Synod with reference to St. John's congregation, according to which said congregation was given permission to have any neighboring preacher of the Ministerium to preach to them on a visit, and asking that the Synod give said congregation a fraternal counsel to unite with the seven other congregations.

Upon motion, said resolution was recalled, and Messrs. Schmucker and Mühlenberg, Jr., were appointed to write a letter, in view of this, to St. John's congregation, and encourage them to fraternal harmony.

Upon motion, the Synod adjourned until to-morrow A.M. at 6 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

This evening Mr. Filbert preached on Rom. 8 : 32.

TUESDAY, 6 A.M.

A morning prayer opened this session.

No. 13. Contained letters from two preachers, in which they not only excuse themselves for their absence, but also complain about the meagre support their congregations give them, in view of the fact that they have such difficult services to perform.

The Synod laments that our Germans in many sections are too parsimonious in the support of their preachers and school-teachers, so that many good and useful men must suffer actual want. It believes that such conduct betrays great indifference to Christianity, and desires that our brethren in the faith in such sections might take more to heart the words of Jesus, Luke 10 : 7, and the words of Paul, I Cor. 9 : 14, and Gal. 6 : 6

No. 14. A request from three congregations on the Miami in the State of Ohio, which ask for a pastor, and at the same time give the information that many more congregations could be gathered in the neighborhood.

Upon motion, it was resolved that the Synod provide for them by sending a traveling preacher there.

No. 15. A defense of Mr. Simon against the complaints concerning the introduction of innovations which had been made against him before Synod by the three congregations the previous year. The Synod was satisfied with it, and appointed the Secretary to answer his letter.

No. 16. A letter from Pastor Melzheimer, Sr, in which he makes excuse for his absence because of feebleness, and recommends Applicant Rupert for reception, and Mr. Rudisill as traveling preacher.

Upon motion, a committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Dr. Helmuth handed to the President a printed report of the condition of our German brethren in Europe, to which they have been reduced through the cruel war raging for such a long time. Attention was called to the fact that the Orphans' Home at Halle, in particular, had greatly suffered thereby, and that it is our duty to do everything in our power for its relief, since the Lutheran church in this western land owes so much to that excellent institution.

Upon motion of Dr. Helmuth, it was unanimously ordered that in all our congregations, as soon as possible, collections be taken for the relief of the Orphans' Home at Halle, and that the money collected be sent to Mr. John Lang, Treasurer of the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation, residing on Race Street, Philadelphia. It was also resolved, that Dr. Helmuth endeavor to forward to Halle as soon as possible, the money which may be gathered.

Concerning the "Magazin" it was ordered.

1. That each member return such copies of the "Evangelisches Magazin" as he may still have in hand and cannot sell, to Mr. Zenther, printer, in Philadelphia.

2. That it be left to each preacher to pay into the treasury, according to the best of his knowledge and belief, whatever he thinks himself to owe for magazines, since many copies are lost in passage.

3. That in the future, but one number of six forms be issued yearly, for the price of 37½ cents. It is believed that under such an arrangement, many more can be sold than formerly.

Closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

After prayer, the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, presented its report, which was read as follows:

The accounts of the Treasurer, Pastor Schaefer, Sr., for the past year, have been found correct in all particulars.

Upon motion, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to inquire into the bequest of the late Mr. George Freys, formerly of Middletown, Dauphin County, and whether, according to the design of the

testator, any of it is being applied for the support and instruction of poor orphans—that this committee have full power to act as they may think best, with reference to this matter, in the name of the Synod. That they be reimbursed from the Synodical Treasury for all the expenses they may have in the matter, and that this committee be composed of Messrs. Lochman, Mühlenberg, Jr., and F. C. Schæfer.

It was announced to the Synod that at a meeting of preachers of different denominations (held the previous Fall in Hummelstown, Dauphin County), the desire was expressed that there might be put through the press a common little hymn book, for use in public service, containing about 250 hymns, which shall be chosen from both of the new hymn books. It is desired to know whether the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, in connection with the Reformed Synod, is willing to undertake the matter, or in case this cannot be done, whether the said meeting has permission to do it on its own responsibility.

Upon motion, it was resolved to postpone this matter until next year.

With reference to the traveling preachers, the following arrangements were made :

1. That Pastor Zäslein be appointed traveling preacher to visit the region in and about Bardstown, Kentucky, and that sixty dollars be paid him in advance.

2. That Mr. Rudisill be traveling preacher in the State of Ohio, in Twien church, Stettler's and Gebhardt's congregations, and in their neighborhood, and that thirty dollars be paid him in advance.

3. That Mr. Rupert, in case he pass the examination, shall become traveling preacher in the region west of Allegheny, particularly in and about Meadville, as far as Erie, and that forty dollars be paid him in advance.

With reference to the poor preachers and preachers' widows, it was resolved :

1. That Mr. [Butler] be allowed thirty dollars and Mr. [Scriba] twenty-five dollars.

2. That each of four widows be allowed twenty dollars.

N. B.—Besides this, each widow was awarded nine dollars out of the legacy.

As there was no more Synodical business to be transacted, the vote was about to be taken to decide the time and place of next year's session. But at this point several brethren from the west side of the Susquehanna arose, and moved to recall the last year's resolution of Synod, according to which the majority is always left free to decide upon any suitable place. They expressed the desire that the Synod might meet alternately, every other time on their side. A motion to this effect was made and carried.

Thereupon the time and place of next year's Synodical Meeting were determined by ballot—namely, the time, Trinity Sunday; and the place, Frederickstadt, Maryland.

The meeting was closed with prayer and singing, and the deputies were dismissed with best wishes.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

The President opened this session with prayer, and the stanza, "Ach, segne was ich thu'," was sung. [Kirchenbuch, 484, 8.]

The following gentlemen applied for admission into the Ministerium: Dering, Wartman, Morris, Rupert, Strein and Wilh. Heim; and Catechist Probst applied for a license as candidate.

According to regular order, the President appointed various committees to examine the same, and to report by to-morrow morning.

The candidates handed in their diaries, sermons and licenses, and the ordained preachers were divided into committees, closely to examine the same.

Upon motion, however, it was resolved, that this examination should not be taken up during the session of the Ministerium, but that the ordained preachers take the sermons and diaries which were handed to them home, and not until the next Ministerial session should they report on them in writing.

At the same time it was ordered that the licenses of the candidates should all be renewed.

With reference to the letter of Mr. Zink, No. 6, it was resolved, that Dr. Helmuth answer him that no schism exists between our Ministerium and the Ministerium of North Carolina, and advise him to connect with the Carolina Ministerium.

Upon motion, the Ministerium adjourned until to-morrow morning at 6 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

This evening Mr. F. C. Schäfer preached on II Cor. 13: 5.

WEDNESDAY, 6 A.M.

After prayer, the committees presented their reports, and then, after mature consideration, it was resolved that Messrs. Probst, Dering, Wart-

man, Morris, Rupert and Strein be licensed as candidates, and Mr. William Heim as catechist.

Upon the information that several candidates do not strictly abide by the regulations of the Ministerium, in that they visit and take charge of congregations without the permission of the officers, it was resolved, that any candidate who in the future, contrary to the rule, shall visit or take charge of vacant congregations without written permission of the officers of the Ministerium, shall be regarded as suspended.

The call from the congregations in Mifflin County, viz. : Tuscarora, Fanzas, Greenwood, Lewistown and Decatur Township, was read, and it was resolved that Mr. William Heim might serve the said congregations as catechist, under the supervision of Pastor Walther.

The licenses were filled out and signed by the officers.

9 A.M.

After prayer the letter of Mr. Schober, Secretary of the Carolina Ministerium, was read, in which the two following important points came up :

1. A report that several members of their Synod doubt whether any one has the right to administer the Holy Communion without the laying on of hands or ordination. He therefore desires to have information from church history, or from other sources, as well as passages from the Bible, given for their instruction and indoctrination on this point.

2. This letter contains a wish of the Carolina Ministerium to have a better and more complete form of service, in which different forms would be found for the sake of variety.

This letter was the occasion of many useful and important remarks. The fact was called to mind that some years ago already these points had been discussed, and the following resolutions were therefore adopted :

- a. That each ordained preacher present in writing to next year's Ministerium his opinion concerning the first point, and

- b. That in each district, if possible, a Special Conference be held this fall, in order to make such annotations and changes in our Form of Service as the assembled brethren may deem necessary, which changes shall be laid before the next Ministerial Meeting, in writing.

Upon motion it was resolved that the resolution of Synod of the year 1801, with reference to the District Meetings, be inserted in the "Magazin" by the Secretary, so that each member may know to which district he belongs.

The President then read their duties to the candidates and catechists.

They solemnly promised to observe the same, and received their licenses.

Finally, all the members bent their knees before the Lord, and sang several appropriate stanzas.

DANIEL KURTZ,
President.

GEORGE LOCHMAN,
Secretary.

SIXTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION.

1815.

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD IN FREDERICTOWN, MAY 21, 22, 23 AND 24, 1815.

On Sunday, it being the Festival of the Trinity, the preachers and delegates assembled in the parsonage, and went in procession to the church, where the Rev. Dr. Helmuth preached on Acts 20 : 28. Pastor Schäffer preached in the afternoon, and Pastor Lochman in the evening.

In the Reformed Church Pastors Jäger and Walter preached. Both churches were crowded, and the presence of the Spirit of God was felt.

MONDAY, 9 A.M.

The preachers and delegates assembled in the church. The session was opened with prayer and singing. The roll of members was called, and the following answered to their names :

1. Dr. Helmuth Philadelphia.
2. Pastor Kurtz Baltimore.
3. " Schäffer, Sr. Philadelphia.
4. " Henkel Virginia.
5. " Jäger Allentown.
6. " Schmucker Yorktown.
7. " Rothrauf Green Castle.
8. " Lochman Lebanon.
9. " Dill _____
10. " Grob Taneytown.
11. " Gräber Middletown, Maryland.
12. " Mühlenberg Reading.
13. " Geisenhainer Trappe.
14. " Jasinsky Pikeland.
15. " Herbst, Sr. Manchester.
16. " Möller Chambersburg.
17. " Butler Fort Cumberland.

18.	Pastor Walter	Selinsgrove.
19.	" Haas	Woodstock, Virginia.
20.	" D. Schäffer	Frederichtown.
21.	" Melsheimer	Hanover.
22.	" Heine	Magunschy.
23.	Candidate Scriba	_____
24.	" Rehman	Abbotstown.
25.	" Kessler	Cumberland.
26.	" Riemenschneider	Rockingham.
27.	" Hecht	Carlisle.
28.	" Möller	Schwamm.
29.	" Heim	Buffalo, N. Y.
30.	" Ulrich	Tulpehocken.
31.	" Weigand	Washington.
32.	" Osterloh	Cumberland.
33.	" Vanhoff	Jonestown.
34.	" Engel	Bloomsburg.
35.	" Sackman	Loudon, Virginia.
36.	" Ernst	Marietta.
37.	" Colson	Mount Bethel.
38.	" Rudisill	York.
39.	" N. Schmucker	Millerstown, Va.
40.	" Hemping	Leikenstahl.
41.	" Reck	Winchester.
42.	" Herbst, Jr.	York County.
43.	" Filbert	New Holland.
44.	" Schnee	Pittsburg.
45.	" Braun	Pottsgrove.
46.	" Probst	Forks.
47.	" Wartmann	Whitehall.
48.	" Morris	Wrightsville.
49.	" Rupert	_____
50.	" Strein	_____
51.	" Heim	_____

31 were absent.

Delegates from the various congregations, who presented their credentials in writing were:

1. Mr. Birnbaum Philadelphia.
2. " Witmann Philadelphia.
3. " Mackenheimer Baltimore.
4. " Opp York.

5.	Mr. Merro	Greencastle.
6.	" Kesselring	Taneytown.
7.	" Kruger	Middletown, Md.
8.	" Nehs	Manchester.
9.	" Frey	Chambersburg.
10.	" Kayser	Selinsgrove.
11.	" Heissly	Frederickstown.
12.	" Krumlein	Hanover.
13.	" Bager	Abbotstown.
14.	" Wunderlich	Cumberland County.
15.	" Kräber	Carlisle.
16.	" Haak	Tulpehocken.
17.	" Herrmann	Cumberland County.
18.	" Schäffer	Loudon County.
19.	" Hippe	Marietta.
20.	" Riess	York County.
21.	" Lahr	Leikensthal.
22.	" Schlegel	Winchester.
23.	" Kayser	York County.
24.	" Bitzer	New Holland.
25.	" Oberdorf	Wrightsville.
26.	" Reydt	_____

Hence the body of Synod on this occasion was composed of seventy-seven members.

According to regular order, the vote for officers was now taken, and

Pastor Kurtz became President.

" Lochman became Secretary.

" Schäffer became Treasurer.

The communications were handed in and numbered, and upon motion, eight committees were appointed to examine the same, and to report on them during the afternoon. Closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer.

The Protocol of the Synodical Meeting of the previous year was read, and upon motion, those to whom particular matters had been committed the previous year, presented their reports.

1. The officers of the Ministerium reported that they had prepared and printed the address to the Germans, with reference to the schools; but through an oversight, only five hundred instead of five thousand copies had been printed.

It was therefore resolved, that the lacking forty-five hundred should still be printed.

2. Dr. Helmuth made a report of the moneys received and forwarded for the Orphans' Home at Halle, and also rendered the account of the same, which Mr. Johann Lange had faithfully kept. All rejoiced at the large contributions, and particularly at the successful transmission of the money to Halle.¹

A letter from Dr. Knapp, Director of the Orphans' Home was read, in which he acknowledges the receipt of the money, and expresses sincere thanks in the name of the teachers and orphan children.

3. Concerning the bequest of the deceased Mr. G. Frey for the erection of an Orphans' Home in Middletown, Dauphin County, Pastor Lochman reported that he had investigated the matter, and for this purpose had consulted different attorneys, and that it was their opinion that the matter should be left in *statu quo*, as long as the widow lived.

4. Concerning the common (gemeinschaftliche) little hymn-book, for use in the public service of the German Protestant congregations, it was resolved, that it were best not to have anything to do with the same, and that no member, or several members in our connection have a right to have a new hymn-book prepared or printed, without consent of the Synod.

5. The traveling preachers appointed at the previous Synod, presented their reports.

Mr. Rudisill was unable to undertake his journey because of illness.

Mr. Rupert visited the regions assigned to him, and presented his journal, which, upon motion, was given over to a committee to examine and report upon.

Synod was notified by Mr. Zäslein, that he had visited the regions assigned him by the Synod, but could not settle there, and at present was living in Cincinnati.

The committees reported on the communications committed to them. From these it appeared, that all the absent pastors presented excuses, either in writing or verbally, and wished for the Synod the blessing of God upon its work. That in the past year two worthy members of the Ministerium, Mr. Friedrich Valentin Melzheimer, and Mr. Solomon Schäffer, had been called through death into eternity. That no important complaint against any preacher had come up—the rather that the congregations expressed their entire satisfaction with their preachers, but that the following items were recommended for the closer examination of the Synod.

1. A letter of Dr. Mühlenberg, in which he excuses himself for his

¹ For full list of contributions see document in Archives.

non-appearance, sends ten dollars as a contribution to the Synodical Treasury from his congregation, and gives his opinion concerning the change of the Agenda, and a new Ministerial Order.

Upon motion, it was resolved to give attention to this letter in the Ministerium, when the particular points would come up there.

2 A request from congregations in Monongahela County, Virginia, to have a preacher, with the information that there are also other congregations in the neighborhood, which desire to unite with them.

Upon motion, it was resolved that any preacher of our connection shall have the freedom to take charge of these congregations, and that Messrs. Henkel and Schnee shall give a fuller account of the said region to any one who may desire it.

3. A letter from Candidate Stock, in which he asks for aid because of his poor circumstances.

Upon motion, it was resolved to grant him something from the Synodical Treasury.

4. In a communication from Pastor Flohr, the desire was expressed that the annual announcement of the Synodical Meeting might be made somewhat earlier, so that the information could also be received in the outlying regions.

Resolved, That in the future, the Secretary shall have the announcement printed in various newspapers three months in advance.

The desire was also expressed in this letter, that in the future the traveling preachers might visit the congregations in Greenbriar County, and on the South Branch in Virginia, which are without preachers; whereat it was resolved that this shall be done, if possible.

5. Communications with reference to St. John's congregation in Lykensthal. It was deemed advisable to appoint a special committee, to investigate the matter and hear both sides.

6. A plan for improvement of the German school system, by some one not mentioned.

Upon motion, it was resolved, that the Synod, because of a lack of sufficient means, can have nothing to do with this matter.

7. A letter from Mr. Osterloh, in which he states that Mr. Heim has made encroachments on one of his congregations; likewise a letter from this congregation asking for Mr. Heim as their preacher.

Here, too, it was found advisable to appoint a special committee for the investigation of the matter.

8. A letter from Pastor Geisenhainer, Sr., in which he announces that he was now continuing his pastoral work in a small congregation at Bellefonte, Centre County.

The Synod wished for him the blessing of God upon his further ministrations.

9. A report from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in North Carolina, enclosing a printed form of license introduced by them.

Their prosperous condition was a source of sincere rejoicing, and it was resolved to send them a report of our transactions.

Report of a Special Conference of the Western region. This also was a source of rejoicing.

11. Letter from Mr. Simon, in which he complains that his letter to last year's Synod had not been answered.—He also defends himself against several complaints, and expresses the desire to continue as a member of our body. Inclosed was a favorable testimonial from his congregations.

Concerning this, Pastor Lochman reported that in the name of the Synod he had written and sent an answer to the letter of Mr. Simon, which, as it appears, he did not receive.

Resolved, That Pastor Lochman write to him again, and assure him that we still recognize him as a worthy member of our body.

12. A call to Pastor Dill from Germantown, Ohio.

Resolved, That Mr. Dill, as an ordained preacher, might act in this matter as he thinks best, and that he be charged to visit other vacant congregations on the way, as traveling preacher, in case he goes to this region.

13. A letter from Pastor Stauch, in which he recommends Abr. Schneider, who has studied under his supervision, for reception into the Ministerium, and Candidate Weigandt for ordination.

14. A letter from Mr. F. C. Schäffer, in which he reports his removal to New York, and requests that he still be considered a member of the Pennsylvania Ministerium.

15. Report of last year's transactions of Pastor Henkel as traveling preacher.

It is a pleasure to note the earnestness and zeal which our worthy brother continues to display in this arduous service, and may he enjoy the continued blessing of God.

16. A call to Mr. Osterloh from the German Creek congregation, Cumberland County

The said gentleman was given permission to take charge of the congregation.

17. A call to Mr. Probst from Mount Bethel and Forks, Northampton County.

Resolved, That he be allowed to accept the same.

18. A request for a preacher from congregations in Mercer County, with the promise of adequate support.

Resolved, That permission be given to any preacher of our connection to visit and take charge of said congregations.

19. The congregations in Gettysburg and Mark's [church] desire to have Mr. Rudisill as preacher.

Mr. Rudisill was given permission to take charge of them.

20. Call from Culpepper, Virginia, for a preacher who can preach in the German and English languages.

Resolved, That Mr. Reck, or in case he is unwilling, any other preacher of our connection, be allowed to take charge of this congregation.

21. A memorial from Mr. Cook, an English preacher, who belongs to the Episcopal Church, in which he states that he is convinced of the purity of the principles of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that he has a great desire to be received into the same, and also expresses the hope that he may be located as preacher in Huntingdon.

The examination of this matter was referred to the Ministerium.

22. Communications concerning Mr. Cramer, also referred to the Ministerium.

23. A desire of the congregations in Philadelphia and Sugar Creek, Ohio, to have Mr. Abraham Schneider as their pastor.

Resolved, That he be permitted to take charge of said congregations, provided he pass his examination.

24. Memorial from the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran congregation in Hagerstown, in which the circumstances of the congregation are presented, and a young man, Henrich Bachy by name, who for some time has been preaching to them, is recommended. Referred to the Ministerium.

25. A call to Mr. Rupert, from Meadville, Pennsylvania. But since Mr. Rupert cannot accept it, it was resolved to provide for them through a traveling preacher.

A committee was appointed to audit the last year's accounts of the Treasurer.

Closed with prayer.

This evening Pastor Mühlenberg, Jr., preached.

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

After prayer the following committees presented their reports, viz.:

The committee on No. 7 reported that it would be best for Mr. Heim to take charge of the congregation and serve it. Accordingly the Synod assigned the congregation to Mr. Heim.

The committee on Mr. Rupert's journal as traveling preacher reported that the same had been fully and properly kept; that he had traveled for almost four months, preached 38 times, baptized 197 children, confirmed 27 and had administered the Holy Communion to 117, that he had traveled 1142 miles, received \$112 and paid out only \$11.03.

Resolved, That \$25 additional be appropriated to Mr. Rupert from the Synodical Treasury.

The committee on No. 5 reported that, according to their opinion, Mr. Hemping should continue to occupy the parsonage and the land belonging to it, as before, but that the congregation should be permitted to be served by any other preacher of the Ministerium, only that in the meantime Mr. Hemping should not be forbidden to perform Ministerial acts in said congregation, if he should be called upon for them.

This report was adopted.

The committee appointed on the accounts of the Treasurer reported that they found the same correct in all particulars, and that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounts to \$188.73½.

Following is the report of the baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools :

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Comm- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Dr. Helmuth and } . . .	286	50	800	144	5
Schäfer }					
Dr. Mühlenberg	145	43	363	42	1
Pastor Jäger	91	67	440	33	3
" Schmucker	146	137	521	43	4
" Lochman	142	65	596	39	5
" Rothrauf	81	36	403	17	3
" Flohr	136	115	293	20	4
" Grob	93	71	511	7	2
" Stauch	118	55	283	7	—
" Gräber	71	—	141	20	3
" Mühlenberg, Jr.	167	67	434	45	3
" Jasinsky	44	26	228	27	2
" Herbst, Sr.	151	35	295	39	4
" Möller	107	30	227	17	2
" Buttler	22	—	62	4	—
" Steck	175	—	295	11	4
" Knoske	218	92	1293	76	6
" Walter	174	35	465	27	8
" Petersen	91	35	123	—	1
" D. Schäfer	205	133	605	64	1
" Haas	90	28	60	27	1
" Melsheimer	121	65	466	34	5
" Heine	108	62	617	32	4
Mr. Scriba	14	—	—	2	—
" Rehman	96	30	275	34	—
" Kessler	39	7	61	19	—
" Riemenschneider	43	38	226	4	3
" Hecht	70	47	138	19	1

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Mr. Miller	136	131	983	34	4
" Heim	107	18	142	11	3
" Ulrich	103	79	929	46	6
" Weigandt	87	—	202	7	3
" Osterloh.	165	30	235	11	4
" Banhoff	105	78	400	27	3
" Engel	130	40	400	16	5
" Sackman	41	31	191	39	1
" Meendsen	136	66	728	45	5
" Ernst	109	73	251	14	2
" Colson	118	27	180	18	5
" Münnig	157	42	412	28	6
" Tiedeman	41	—	133	4	1
" Rudisill	40	46	306	10	4
" Weiland	64	—	208	14	—
" Nicolaus Schmucker	90	84	223	20	5
" Hemping	230	70	534	44	6
" Reck	101	50	206	40	—
" Schindel	156	73	400	17	4
" C. Schäffer	155	22	242	11	4
" F. Herbst	66	39	398	25	5
" Reinhardt	60	43	148	2	—
" Leist	142	37	268	8	3
" Filbert	—	—	—	—	—
" Schnee	65	24	149	8	2
" Braunsius	82	47	372	14	5
" Probst	46	—	103	16	2
" Döring and }	91	30	655	40	6
" Hartman }					
" Morris	14	—	—	18	2
" Rupert	197	27	117	—	—
" Heim, Jr.	105	—	—	5	2

The appointment of traveling preachers was referred to the Ministerium.

The congregations in Huntingdon County, Greenfield, Franktown, Morrison's Cove and Sinking Valley, through their delegate, Mr. Isaac Helms, applied for a preacher.

Resolved, That the said congregations may again apply to our Synod as soon as Mr. Kramer has entirely severed his connection with the same, and that meanwhile Mr. Helms look about among our young men to see whether one or the other can be found to take charge of the congregations.

The time and place of next year's Synodical Meeting were now deter-

mined by ballot, viz.: The time, Trinity Sunday, 1816; the place, Philadelphia.

Closed with prayer and singing and the deputies were dismissed with best wishes.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

The President opened this meeting with a devout prayer.

The preachers presented their reports on the sermons and diaries of the candidates, which had been given them the previous year to take along for examination. The sermons and diaries of most of the gentlemen were found to be excellent, but some of them were not so good. It was desired that the latter should apply themselves to their studies with more diligence and earnestness.

The ordained preachers were requested, according to the Ministerial resolution of last year, to express their opinion on the question which had been laid before us for reply by the Carolina Ministerium, namely: "Whether candidates have a right to perform *actus ministeriales*, without previous laying on of hands?" Some presented their opinions verbally, others in writing. It was unanimously agreed, that according to the testimony of the Bible and church history, a written permit can be regarded as just as valid as the laying on of hands; that, accordingly, our ministerial regulation is not against the spirit (*Ordnung*) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and that for this reason, candidates, if they are licensed, can, with a good conscience, perform all ministerial acts.

Upon motion, it was resolved that one of the written reports be sent to the Carolina Ministerium as an answer. But in this connection the wish was expressed that another class or order of preachers might be introduced.

According to a resolution of the Ministerium, none could be made pastors except such as had received systematic instruction by an ordained preacher for the term of three years, and had done something in the languages. But since there are many good and useful men to be found in our connection who have had no opportunity to acquire such knowledge, and since it was not desired to exclude them from ordination altogether, it was deemed just and necessary to ordain them, at least as deacons.

In the year 1812 already, at Carlisle, a motion of this sort was pre-

sented to the Ministerium for consideration, and it was now resolved to adopt the said motion, made at that time.

Closed with prayer.

Pastor Schmucker preached in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.

After prayer, it was resolved, that a committee be appointed to improve and perfect our Agenda, and that the committee be composed of Messrs. Helmuth, Schäffer, Sr., Kurz, Lochman, Schmucker, and Mühlenberg, Jr. That each member of this committee write out the changes regarded as desirable [nützlich], that they meet in Philadelphia Friday evening before Trinity Sunday, in order to select from among their different notes the best and most suitable, so that then they may lay the Agenda thus improved before the assembled Ministerium for examination.

The following gentlemen applied for reception into the Ministerium : Benjamin Kurtz, Jr., Benjamin Keller, Michael Meyerhöfer, Abraham Schneider, Martin Walter and Heinrich Backy, and committees were appointed to examine the same.

Concerning the request of the English Episcopal preacher, Mr. Cook (*vide* No. 21), it was resolved, that as our Ministerium is a German-speaking Ministerium, we cannot have anything to do with him, according to our present principles; but as soon as he, according to the declaration of his letter, has acquired the German language, so that he can also preach in the same, he may apply to us again and expect preferment.

Upon motion, it was resolved to ordain the following candidates as deacons: Messrs. Rehman, Kessler, Riemenschneider, Hecht, Möller, Ullrich, Weigandt, Vanhoff and Ernst.

Closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

The committees appointed to examine the applicants presented their reports, and moved that Benjamin Kurtz, Benjamin Keller, and Michael Meyerhöfer be received as candidates, and Abraham Schneider and Martin Walter as catechists, with the understanding that Mr. Schneider shall be under the supervision of Pastor Stauch, and Mr. Walter under the supervision of Pastor Henkel. These motions were adopted.

Upon motion, it was resolved that \$51 of the Rödelheim legacy be put into the Synodical Treasury, for the support of poor preachers' widows; also, that each widow, six in number, shall receive \$15 this year from the treasury.

Resolved, that Mr. Backy, at his convenience, carry on his studies

under Pastor D. Schäffer, until a preacher move to Hagerstown, when he shall then have the privilege to avail himself of the instruction of the preacher dwelling in Hagerstown. And that \$50 be allowed him from the Synodical Treasury.

At 5 o'clock the meeting received the sad news of the death of the Rev. Dr. Mühlenberg. A general silence prevailed. Then it was resolved that Dr. Helmuth be requested to hold his funeral oration the next Sunday A.M. in Lancaster.

With reference to the traveling preachers the following arrangements were made, viz.: that Pastor Dill, as traveling preacher, visit the region in and about New Germantown, in the State of Ohio, and that on his journey to and fro, he serve with the gospel as many vacant congregations as possible, and that \$40 be paid him in advance.

Also, that Mr. Colson as traveling preacher, visit the regions in and about Meadville (Crawford County), as far as Erie, and that \$40 be paid him in advance.

The officers now filled out the licenses and certificates of ordination, as well as the various orders on the Treasury, and the meeting was closed with singing and prayer.

8 P.M.

The preachers, together with the members of the congregation, assembled in the church, and after a short address by the Senior, the previously named nine candidates were solemnly ordained. Then the President read their duties to the candidates, and the three named candidates were empowered to exercise the office of evangelical pastor in the congregations entrusted to them. The meeting was then closed with singing and prayer.

SIXTY-NINTH CONVENTION.

1816.

SYNODICAL MEETING

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, DURING TRINITY WEEK OF THE YEAR 1816.

Sunday A.M., the attending preachers assembled in the residence of the Rev. Dr. Schäffer, and went from there, some to St. Michael's, others to Zion's Church.

President Kurtz preached in Zion's, Pastor Mühlenberg in St. Michael's. In the afternoon, Pastor Schmucker preached, and in the evening, Pastor Fr. Geisenhainer, both in Zion's.

MONDAY JUNE 10TH, A.M.

The members of Synod assembled in Zion's. Their business was opened with singing and prayer.

The roll of preachers was called.

THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

1. The Reverend Dr. Helmuth (Sr.) . . . Philadelphia.
2. " " Kurz (Pres.) . . . Baltimore.
3. " " Schäffer (Treasurer), Philadelphia.
4. Pastor Jäger Hanover.
5. " Schmucker York.
6. " Fr. Geisenhainer Little Muschannon.
7. " Lochmann (Sec.) Harrisburg.
8. " Endress Lancaster.
9. " Grob Taneytown.
10. " Mühlenberg Reading.
11. " H. Geisenhainer Trap.
12. " Ilgen Aaronsburg.
13. " Herbst Manchester.
14. " Möller Chambersburg.
15. " Knoske Kutztown.
16. " Walter Selinsgrove.

17.	Pastor	Mensch	Springfield.
18.	"	D. F. Schäffer	Friedrichtown.
19.	"	Heine	Macunshy.
20.	Deacon	Hecht	Easton.
21.	"	Müller	Schwamm.
22.	"	Ulrich	Tulpehocken.
23.	"	Vanhoff	Jonestown.
24.	"	Ernst	Lebanon.
25.	Candidate	Heim	Buffalo Valley.
26.	"	Bätis	Warwick.
27.	"	Osterlo	Cumberland.
28.	"	Engel	Bloomsburg.
29.	"	Sackmann	Loudon Co., Va.
30.	"	Meendsen	North'pton Co., Pa.
31.	"	Colsen	Meadville.
32.	"	Becker	Germantown.
33.	"	Münnich	Schuylkill.
34.	"	Tiedeman	Somerset.
35.	"	Weyand	Whitpain.
36.	"	Hemping	Lyken's Valley.
37.	"	Schindel	Sunbury.
38.	"	Herbst	York County.
39.	"	Filbert	New Holland.
40.	"	Probst	Forks.
41.	"	Morris	Wrightsville.
42.	"	Rupert	Hamilton.
43.	"	Strein	Elizabethtown.
44.	"	Heim	Mifflin.
45.	"	Kurz	Hagerstown.
46.	"	Köhler (Keller)	Carlisle.
47.	"	Meyerheffer	_____

THE DULY ACCREDITED DELEGATES OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS WERE :

1.	Mr.	Höckle	Philadelphia.
2.	"	Fricke	Philadelphia.
3.	"	Mackenheimer	Baltimore.
4.	"	Spengenberg	Allentown.
5.	"	Leitner	York.
6.	"	Ziegler	Harrisburg.
7.	"	Eichholz	Lancaster.
8.	"	Schmidt and Otto	Reading.
9.	"	Merkle	Trap.

10.	Mr. Herter	Aaronsburg.
11.	" Schneider	Goshenhoppen.
12.	" Helms	Kutztown.
13.	" Mohr	Selinsgrove.
14.	" Jungken	Springfield.
15.	" Weid	Macunshy.
16.	" Horn	Easton.
17.	" Wartmann	Schwamm.
18.	" Klees	Buffalo Valley.
19.	" Reder	Tulpehocken.
20.	" Elser	Warwick.
21.	" Probst	Bloomsburg.
22.	" Hauser	Northampton Co.
23.	" Carmine	Lebanon.
24.	" Pering	Germantown.
25.	" Hammer	Schuylkill.
26.	" Heist	Whitpain.
27.	" Martin	Sunbury.
28.	" Seger	New Holland.
29.	" Schmidt	Mount Bethel.
30.	" Gauer	Hamilton.
31.	" Albert	Elizabethtown.
32.	" Reiss	Mifflin.
33.	" Hammer	Hagerstown.
34.	" Gräber	Carlisle.

Rev. Mr. Christ. Schäffer presented his credential as Delegate of the New York Synod.

Messrs. Rebenac, of Martinsburg, and Joslein, of Cincinnati, presented themselves as friends with the privilege of a seat.

The Synod next preceded to the election of its officers, and

Pastor Lochman became President.

" Endress, became Secretary.

" Mühlenberg became Treasurer.

Communications and letters were handed in. These the President numbered, and appointed six committees to read them, and report on their contents.

Messrs. Heine, Ilgen and Fricke were appointed to audit the annual accounts of the Treasurer.

The Protocol of the previous year's session was read.

The President offered prayer.

3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The committee for auditing the accounts of the Treasurer, reported that the same were found correct in all particulars, and that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounts to \$309.27½.

The committees for the examination of the communications presented, made reports. The following communications were recommended to the attention of Synod. They are: 1. A letter from Sherman's Valley, in which the congregation in Tolvin Township requests that it, with others, might be served by Candidate Heim.

Permission was granted said gentleman to take charge of the congregations.

2. A letter from the congregation in Strasburg, near Lancaster, in which they ask that Candidate Strein be allowed to serve them.

The request was granted.

3. A letter from Pastor Henkel, in which he desires that the State of Virginia might constantly be supplied with more German preachers, and laments that the German language is fast losing ground.

4. A letter from Waldoborough, in the District of Maine, in which a preacher is asked for, who can preach in the English and German languages.

Resolved, That any member of the Ministerium have permission to visit and take charge of the congregations.

5. A letter from Pastor Carpenter, in which, besides an excuse for absence, he presents an encouraging report of his ministrations.

Resolved, That the Senior send him a friendly answer to his letter.

6. Reports of Special Conferences at Woodstock, Virginia, and in the State of Ohio, and transactions of the Synodical Meeting in North Carolina.

No special action was taken on these.

7. A memorial, signed by a number of members of St. Michael's and Zion's congregations in Philadelphia, who desire the introduction of the English language in their congregations, together with other documents for the explanation and support of their request.

These communications were loudly and audibly read before the whole Synod, and were listened to with special attention. After the reading of the same, a counter-memorial of a number of members of said congregations was treated in the same way. These declared in conclusion: "That they hold that no earthly tribunal could or would ever pass judgment upon the demand of their opponents."

Concerning these communications, it was resolved that a committee

of seven men be appointed, seriously before God, to consider the whole matter, and to report to the Synod their maturely-weighed judgment, together with their advice in the matter. Dr. Kurtz, Pastor F. Geisenhainer, Pastor Schmucker, Pastor Mühlenberg, and Messrs. Schmidt, Horn and Leitner were appointed as the committee.

8. Report of Pastor Dill, as traveling preacher.

9. A memorial from Mr. Zäslein, preacher in Cincinnati, in which he depicts the condition of his congregation, and applies for reception and support.

Resolved, That the reception of preachers belongs to the Ministerial Meeting, but that \$20 be appropriated to Mr. Zäslein from the Synodical Treasury, for defraying traveling expenses to his distant dwelling-place.

10. Report of Candidate Colson as traveling preacher.

A committee was appointed carefully to examine the same, and report how much is still due Mr. Colson as compensation for his services.

Business was concluded with prayer.

This evening Pastor Möller preached in [St.] Michael's.

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

After prayer, the Synod continued to go through the reports of the committees on the communications which were handed in. These followed:

11. A request of the congregation in Sherman's Valley (Cumberland County, Pennsylvania) for a preacher.

Resolved, That the preacher at Carlisle might serve this congregation.

12. A communication from St. John's congregation at Hamburg, Zion's Church at Windsor, Dunkel's Church in Greenwich, and St. James' Church in Lynn, in which the Synod is asked to appoint Mr. Engel as their preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Engel be allowed to deal with this call according to his own judgment.

13. Various communications from congregations in the regions about Hagerstown, Martinsburg, Sheppardstown, Williamsport, etc., concerning a young man, Backy by name, mention of whom had already been made at the Synodical Meeting of last year.

Resolved, That Pastors Möller, F. D. Schäffer and Walter, and Messrs. Otto and Ziegler be constituted a committee, carefully to examine the contents of these communications, and report on the same.

14. A friendly letter from the Secretary of the Lutheran Synod, in the State of New York, the contents as follows:

1. That Dr. Quitman, or in case he is prevented, Mr. Christian

Schäffer, is to appear as representative of said Synod at our meeting of this year.

2. That said Synod sends us as a present their new Hymn Book, their Liturgy, and a Catechism (published by Dr. Quitman), all in the English language.

3. That said Synod has resolved to celebrate the Jubilee of the Reformation on the first Sunday of the month of November, in the year 1817, and to invite us and the Synod of North Carolina to join in with them for this purpose.

Whereupon it was resolved :

1. That hearty thanks be conveyed to the venerable Synod of New York for the gift remitted.

2. That Dr. Schäffer see that our "Magazin," beginning with the first number, neatly bound, be delivered to said Synod.

3. That Dr. Schäffer appear at this year's meeting of said Synod, as representative of our body.

4. That with reference to the Jubilee celebration, we unite with the New York Synod in so far that we would hold the said celebration on the 31st day of October, it being the exact anniversary of the Reformation ; that this be reported to said Synod by Mr. Schäffer, and they be requested to keep with us the very anniversary itself, and not the Sunday following.

Many other communications before were submitted to the committees, but none of these belong to the Ministerial Meeting, and some contain mere excuses for absence from the brethren, which were accepted, attestations of satisfaction, which are heard with pleasure, and wishes for blessing, which could be responded to with thanks.

The committee on examination of Mr. Colson's report as traveling preacher announced :

That Mr. Colson, who had been charged to journey to Meadville, Crawford County, Pa., has extended his trip to the farthest end of the State of Ohio.

That he has charged the whole time of this self-undertaken journey to the debit account of the Synod.

And that, with this debit counted in, the total balance in Mr. Colson's favor amounts to something over \$90.

Hereupon it was resolved, that instead of the balance presented, \$30 be appropriated to Mr. Colson.

The business of this morning was closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

After singing and prayer, the committee appointed to examine into the Philadelphia matter presented its report. It reads as follows, viz. :

The committee, as before God, has examined the communications transferred to it, and the members of the same are unanimously of the opinion :

1. That the Synod dare not omit to express in the strongest manner its displeasure at the controversy in the Philadelphia congregation, and especially at the unchristian spirit and deportment, which both of the contending parties have exhibited.

2. That it is highly to be lamented, that acts of violence were committed, that the matter was brought before the courts instead of first laying it before Synod for amicable adjustment, as would have been proper.

3. Although the committee does not condemn preaching in the English language, when it is necessary, yet the introduction of the same in the German Lutheran congregation in Philadelphia seems to it to be connected with so many important circumstances which demand the most mature consideration, that it regards the time of the continuance of the Synod as now too short to give the congregation a decisive counsel.

4. The committee desires that the Synod recommend to both parties in the name of the Lord, to unite again in peace and love as Christians and brethren, and in future refrain from all reciprocal offences. That the Synod likewise offer, if both desire it, to give them its advice hereafter.

5. Since members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church have sent us a communication, and have expressed the desire that we should not forget them, the committee is of the opinion, that, in case the German congregation make a grant to those brethren who prefer the English, such grant (the church and concession) be the common property of all English Lutherans in Philadelphia; on the condition, however, that St. John's church return to our connection.

This report was gone through, and the Synod concurred with the contents of the same, but with the almost unanimous declaration that in place of the words "does not condemn," in the third section, the words "can not condemn" be inserted, in order to give the expression more force.

It was also resolved, that the amended report be adopted, and that a copy of the same be handed to each of the contending parties.

Two letters were now read before the Synod, one from Mr. G. Schäffer, Baltimore, and one from Messrs. Billmeyer, Philadelphia.

Mr. Schäffer announces that he intends to print a collection of hymns which would be suitable for use in joint Lutheran and Reformed churches, and desires that the Synod might examine the collection and authorize the use of the same.

But the Messrs. Billmeyer, as publishers of the hitherto authorized Lutheran Hymn Book, remonstrate, and ask that said collection of hymns be not adopted by the Synod.

Concerning this, it was resolved that Messrs. F. Geisenhainer, Schmucker, Endress, Knoske and Hecht constitute a committee to examine the contents of said collection of hymns, to see whether the same are in accord with the pure doctrine of the Gospel, and to report their opinion of the matter to the Secretary of the Synod.

The committee with reference to Mr. Backy presented its report. It was read and the whole matter was referred to the Ministerium.

A devout prayer closed the session of this day.

This evening Pastor Jäger preached in St. Michael's.

WEDNESDAY, 6 A.M.

After prayer, it was resolved that during the coming year 1500 copies of the "Magazin" be printed.

Further resolved, that this time it be left to the Ministerium to name one or more traveling preachers, if it be deemed necessary.

Resolved, that out of the Synodical Treasury there be sent to each of the poor preachers' widows \$12, to aged Pastor Butler, \$20; to Pastor Stock, \$10; and to Pastor Scriba, \$15.

The congregation at Lancaster sent a contribution of \$10 for the support of poor preachers and preachers' widows.

The list of baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools, was handed in as follows, namely:

Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Comm- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Dr. Helmuth and Schaefer } . .	340	45	800	180	5
Pastor Kurtz	108	41	223	57	1
" Carpenter	—	12	60	—	—
" Jäger	123	61	396	29	12
" Lochmann	123	32	345	46	3
" Endress	137	54	418	36	1
" Rothrauff	122	77	519	15	3
" Flohr	96	40	180	16	4
" Mühlenberg	—	70	—	—	—
" H. Geisenhainer	28	432	103	10	1
" Ilgen	150	120	897	8	—
" Herbst	195	71	330	31	3
" Moeller	145	77	336	41	2
" Roeller	—	—	—	—	—

	Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Pastor	Knoske	224	172	1288	74	7
"	Walter	194	166	532	21	8
"	Mensch	92	16	234	15	4
"	D. F. Schaefer . . .	215	83	643	37	1
"	Heine	112	40	590	26	6
Deacon	Hecht	55	61	129	21	1
"	Muller	160	68	987	43	4
"	Ullrich	166	100	1123	55	6
"	Ernst	163	23	164	33	5
Pastor	Rebenach	73	30	110	20	—
Candidate	Heim	161	134	410	28	4
"	Bätis	146	65	609	21	8
"	Osterloh	125	20	268	8	3
"	Engel	187	70	473	15	3
"	Sackmann	68	17	117	11	—
"	Meendsen	182	87	677	85	4
"	Colson	195	18	236	5	—
"	Becker	50	32	150	37	1
"	Minnig	194	64	693	41	6
"	Tiedeman	124	38	125	25	1
"	Weigandt	98	—	290	3	—
"	Hemping	244	108	847	32	6
"	Schindel	150	32	770	40	4
"	F. Herbst	381	26	108	17	5
"	Filbert	135	65	537	21	3
"	Probst	227	186	750	27	6
"	Wartman	188	68	686	39	7
"	Morris	42	18	186	11	2
"	Rupert	67	29	105	18	3
"	Strein	57	27	200	3	1
"	Heim	170	107	578	14	3
"	Kurtz	105	40	180	30	2
"	Kohler	90	—	—	26	—
"	Meyerheffer	135	65	230	16	—

The time and place of next year's Synodical Meeting were now determined by ballot, namely: The time, Trinity Sunday; the place, York.

The Synodical business was closed with singing and prayer, and the delegates were dismissed with best wishes.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 A.M.

The Senior opened this meeting with an earnest prayer.

Mr. Merkel, of Geneva, made his appearance at the Ministerium.

The acknowledgment of the Directors of the Orphans' Home at Halle of the money sent to them was read. The amount acknowledged was \$2130.

The committee which had been appointed at the session of the previous year to improve and make more complete the Church Agenda, reported that they had not yet accomplished the work assigned to them.

The following gentlemen applied for reception into the Ministerium, viz. : Philip Braun, Michael Steck, J. Repas, Christian F. Cruse, Heinrich Backy, J. C. Rebenack, F. Cramer and J. Jäslein.

The Committee of the Synod, on Mr. Backy, made a report, which was read, and the men who appeared on his account as deputies of various congregations, were heard.

On motion, the question was now put : Shall the Ministerium have anything to do with Mr. Backy ? To which the majority answered Yea.

Committees were also appointed to examine the above-named applicants.

Upon motion it was resolved that (as an amendment to a resolution adopted at Carlisle, in the year 1812) if a preacher have already received formal ordination as deacon, by the laying on of hands, no further formal laying on of hands shall be deemed necessary to advance him to the office of a pastor ; that, therefore, a simple declaration of the assembled pastors, through the President or Senior of the Ministerium, shall be regarded as sufficient for this purpose.

Resolved, That Deacons Hecht, Müller, Vanhoff, Ernst and Ulrich, if they pass an examination, shall be advanced to the grade of pastor.

Resolved, That Candidates Bätis, Engel, Meendsen, Becker, Sackmann, Schindel, Münnig, Tiedemann, Heim, Sr., Hemping and Herbst, if they pass the examination, shall be ordained as deacons. Committees were appointed to examine the deacons and candidates named, and the session of this morning closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

After prayer it was resolved to recognize Mr. Joh. C. Rebenack as brother and member of the Ministerium. He was called in and the right hand of fellowship was extended to him.

Resolved, That the Ministerium give Mr. Cramer another trial and again grant him a license, but with the understanding that if ever again well-grounded complaints come up against him the Ministerium would never more have anything to do with him.

The committee to examine Messrs. Steck, Repas and Backy reported that it recommends Mr. Steck for a license as candidate and Mr. Repas for one as catechist, but has found Mr. Backy most deficient in every branch.

Resolved, That a candidate's license be filled out for Mr. Steck and a catechist's license for Mr. Repas.

The committee to examine Messrs. Brown, Cruse and Jäger reported that they recommend Messrs. Braun and Cruse for licenses as candidates and Mr. Jäger for one as catechist.

Resolved, That the recommendation be adopted, and that the officers might give them licenses as soon as they have received calls.

The preachers made their reports, with reference to the sermons and diaries of the candidates and catechists, which had been handed to them the previous year for examination. It appeared that the sermons of Messrs. Rudisill, Filbert, Schindel and Herbst were excellent, and the rest, for the most part, good.

The committees appointed to examine the previously named deacons and candidates found them all, without exception, worthy of advancement.

It was consequently resolved that this evening, in St. Michael's Church, Messrs. Hecht, Müller, Vanhoff, Ernst and Ulrich be declared pastors, and Messrs. George Heim, Bätis, Engel, Sackmann, Meendsen, Becker, Münnig, Tiedemann, Hemping, Schindel and Herbst be ordained to the office of Deacon.

Concerning Mr. Backy, it was resolved that he be advised to study with Pastor Ernst, in Lebanon, or any other ordained preacher of our connection, with the understanding that he shall by no means be permitted to preach without consent of his instructor.

Resolved, moreover, That the Secretary communicate this resolution to him in writing.

Resolved, finally, That if he needs it, and asks for it, \$50 shall be advanced to him out of the Synodical Treasury.

A certain man, Lamprecht by name, applied for reception into the Ministerium.

After some conversation with him, it was resolved that the Ministerium is unwilling to have anything to do with him.

And now the business of the Ministerium was closed with singing and prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING IN ST. MICHAEL'S.

This evening, publicly in St. Michael's, before a crowded assembly of preachers and members of St. Michael's and Zion's congregations, Messrs. Hecht, Müller, Vanhoff, Ernst and Ulrich were formally declared pastors with prayer, and the invocation of the divine blessing.

Following this, by the laying on of hands of the Reverend Senior, the President and Secretary of the Synod, and also of the Rev. Dr. Schäffer, Messrs. Heim, Bätis, Engel, Sackman, Meendsen, Becker, Münnig, Tiedeman, Hemping, Schindel and Herbst, were likewise solemnly ordained deacons.

And now the Reverend Senior dismissed the brethren and the congregation with thanksgiving and blessings, and an earnest prayer.

Attest: CH. ENDRESS,
Secretary.

SEVENTIETH CONVENTION.

1817.

SYNODICAL MEETING

HELD AT YORKTOWN, JUNE 2D, 1817.

Candidate Probst preached Saturday evening.

On Sunday, it being the Festival of the Trinity, the preachers and delegates assembled in the parsonage, and went in procession to the church, where the Rev. President Lochman preached.

In the afternoon Pastor Endress delivered a discourse, and in the evening Pastor Mühlenberg.

In the morning Pastor Jäger also preached in the Reformed Church.

MONDAY, JUNE 3D, 9 A.M.

The preachers and delegates assembled in the church.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

THE FOLLOWING PREACHERS WERE PRESENT:

1. Dr. Kurtz Baltimore.
2. Pastor Jäger Hanover.
3. “ Schmucker York.
4. “ Lochman Harrisburg.
5. “ Endress Lancaster.
6. “ Rothrauff Greencastle.
7. “ Gröb Taneytown.
8. “ Stauch New Lisbon.
9. “ Gräber Middletown.
10. “ Mühlenberg Reading.
11. “ Geisenhainer Trappe.
12. “ Herbst, Sr. Manchester.
13. “ Möller Chambersburg.
14. “ Knoske Kutztown.
15. “ Walter Selinsgrove.
16. “ Mensch Springfield.

17. Pastor Haas Mechanicstown.
18. " D. F. Schäffer Frederichtown.
19. " Melzheimer McCallister.
20. " Heine Macunshy.
21. " Hecht Easton.
22. " Müller Falconer Swamp.
23. " Ulrich Tulpehocken.
24. " Vanhoff Jonestown.
25. " Ernst Lebanon.
26. " Rebenack Martinsburg.
27. Deacon Rehman Abbotstown.
28. " Riemenschneider Rockingham.
29. " Bätis Warwick.
30. " Engel Hamburg.
31. " Meendsen Lecha.
32. " Becker Germantown.
33. " Sackman Loudon.
34. " Heim Buffalo.
35. " Münnig Pine Grove.
36. " Tiedeman Somerset.
37. " Hemping Lykensthal.
38. " Herbst, Jr. York County.
39. Candidate Scriba Strassburg.
40. " Osterlo Cumberland.
41. " Rudisill York County.
42. " Dunn _____
43. " Reck Winchester.
44. " Filbert New Holland.
45. " Probst Forks.
46. " Döring Jordan.
47. " Morris Wrightsville.
48. " Rupert Plainfield.
49. " Strein Elizabethtown.
50. " Heim, Jr. Mifflin.
51. " Kurtz Hagerstown.
52. " Keller Carlisle.
53. " Meyerheffer Madison.
54. " Cramer Franklin.
55. Catechist Schneider New Philadelphia.
56. " Repas Pennsborough.

33 were absent.

ACCREDITED DELEGATES WERE:

1. Mr. Dunkel York.
2. " Kurtz Harrisburg.
3. " Mühlenberg Lancaster.
4. " Clark Greencastle.
5. " Geiser Tawneytown.
6. " Eyster New Lisbon.
7. " Kepner Reading.
8. " Jäger Trappe.
9. " Matthews Manchester.
10. " Rentschler Kutztown.
11. " Walter Selinsgrove.
12. " Appel Springfield.
13. " Conrad Mechanicstown.
14. " Engelbrecht Friedrichtown.
15. " Koppenheffer McAllister.
16. " Bräuning Macungy.
17. " Beütelman Easton.
18. " Trexler Falconer Swamp.
19. " Ehrle Jonestown.
20. " Embig Lebanon.
21. " Wallbern Tulpehocken.
22. " Schenk Bloomsburg.
23. " Lenz Germantown.
24. " Metzger Buffalo.
25. " Stein Pinegrove.
26. " Kleinfelder York County.
27. " Kiefer Cumberland.
28. " Roth Forks.
29. " Luffe Jordan.
30. " Fries Wrightsville.
31. " Wenss Mifflin.
32. " Eichelberner Hagerstown.
33. " Schulz Carlisle.
34. " Uz Madison.

Accordingly, the whole body was composed of ninety members.
The Synod proceeded to the election of officers for this year, and

Pastor Lochman became President.
Pastor Endress became Secretary.
Pastor Mühlenberg became Treasurer.

All communications were now handed in, numbered and divided among six committees, who were charged to examine the same, and to report on their contents during the afternoon. Hereupon Pastors Schäffer and Ulrich and Mr. Renschler were appointed as a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and the session of this morning was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The committee which was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts reported that it had found the same correct in all particulars, and that the balance in the Treasurer's hands amounts to \$173.75.

The committees which were appointed to examine the communications which had been handed in, presented their reports. The Synod considered them, and gave the following communications, indicated by numbers, particular attention, namely :

1. A report of the Special Conference in the State of Ohio, enclosing a petition that they might be granted permission to form their own Ministerium in the State of Ohio.

Whereupon it was resolved, that permission could not be granted to the Conference of Ohio to form a Ministerium of their own, but that the Ministerium might be commissioned to draw up a plan through which particular difficulties might be removed.

Further resolved, that an answer be sent to said Special Conference, to inform them of our ratification of their transactions, and to make known to them the resolution of Synod with reference to them.

2. An urgent request from a number of Lutherans in Nelson County, in the State of Kentucky, that the Synod provide for them, and send them a preacher who can preach in the English language.

Resolved, That it is the desire of Synod that a suitable young preacher be found, and if such an one is to be had, who could and would undertake to journey thither, he should accordingly make it known to the President, and that in case none could be found, a traveling preacher should be appointed for that region.

Pastor D. F. Schäffer was appointed to answer the communication.

3. A number of letters concerning Mr. Backy, in some of which complaints are made against him because of disturbances in the congregations in and about Martinsburg, while the others are letters from a part of the congregations, asking that he might serve them as pastor.

Resolved, That Mr. Backy cannot serve the congregations in and about Martinsburg with the approval of Synod, even though he be received into the Ministerium.

A request from congregations in Fairview and Newbury that they be permitted to receive Mr. Osterloh as their preacher.

It was granted.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Pastor F. D. Schäffer preached.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 9 A.M.

After a hymn and prayer, the Synod continued to pass on the reports of the committees concerning the communications handed in. The communications taken up were:

5. A letter from Mr. Zäslein, Cincinnati, concerning the needy circumstances of himself and his congregation.

Concerning this it was resolved, that the President answer this letter according to his own judgment.

6. A letter from Rev Mr. Timothy Alden, in which he reports the death of Mr. Colson, and the needy circumstances of the surviving family, and also solicits a preacher for the congregation.

For the present resolved that any brother of the Ministerium be privileged to take charge of the congregation in Meadville.

7. A letter from the congregations of Mr. Repas, in which they communicate their satisfaction with their preacher and express the desire that he be licensed, and also that four other congregations in Northumberland, namely: Vollmer's, Milton, Washington, Warry Run, be given him in addition, and a request from the already-mentioned four congregations that they might be served by Mr. Repas.

Resolved, That Mr. Repas be permitted to take charge of the said four congregations.

8. A letter from Pastor Zunkel, to which he requests a reply concerning money which he forwarded the previous year to Pastor Schmucker for magazines.

Resolved, That Pastor Schmucker answer the letter.

9. A call to Mr. Mohler from congregations in Beaver County.

Resolved, That if Mr. Mohler pass the examination, he be permitted to take charge of these congregations.

10. A call to Mr. Schmuck [Schmick] from a congregation in Centre County.

Resolved, That if Mr. Schmuck pass the examination, he be permitted to take charge of the congregation.

11. A call from four congregations in Armstrong County, without designation of a person.

Mr. Riemenschneider promised to visit the congregations.

12. A letter from Green Township, Scioto County, Ohio, containing a request for a traveling preacher.

Resolved, That the Special Conference in Ohio be charged to provide for a visitation of this congregation, and that this action be communicated to the writer of the letter.

13. A letter from a congregation of St. Peter's Church, near the Lebanon congregation, in Cumberland County, requesting that Mr. Heim might serve them.

Hereupon Candidate Keller announced that he was willing to give up two congregations, which could be served in connection with this one, and that there was still another congregation vacant, in the vicinity.

Resolved, That permission be granted to any one of our brethren to visit and take charge of these congregations.

14. Letters from six congregations in Columbia County, with the request that Mr. Peter Hall (at present an applicant) might serve them.

Resolved, That if Mr. Hall pass the examination he might serve these congregations.

15. A call to Mr. Schmuck, at present an applicant, from congregations in Centre and Huntingdon Counties.

Resolved, That Mr. Schmuck, provided he pass the examination; be permitted to take charge of Halbrend, Spruce Creek, Sinking Valley, Tyrone, Newry and Frankstown, and to serve Petersburg and Alexandria by visitation, until Huntingdon be again provided with a preacher.

Resolved, That any one of our brethren be permitted to visit and take charge of the congregations in Huntingdon and those in connection with it.

16. A request from a number of former members of the Easton congregation, who now live above Wilkesbarre, to be served occasionally by Lutheran preachers.

Resolved, That the Rev. Messrs. Hecht, Meendsen and Probst each be requested to visit the said people once during this year.

17. Mr. Braun's diary as traveling preacher. The committee had carefully read this through and found the same very fine and satisfactory.

The President stated in this connection, that through this journey, Mr. Braun had contracted a disease of the lungs, with which he was now laid up, and from which he hardly would ever recover again.

Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted, and that, after deduction of the money received during the journey, \$35 per month, for three months, be paid out to Mr. Braun.

The remaining communications, on which the committees reported, were excuses for absence, recommendations of various preachers and others of the kind, concerning which it was found unnecessary to take action.

The session was closed with prayer.

3 P.M.

After prayer the following resolutions were fully considered and adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That the Ministerium be requested to consider whether traveling preachers should be sent out this year, and whether, in case it be found advisable, to appoint the same.

2. *Resolved*, That the magazine be discontinued.

3. *Resolved*, That each preacher make it his duty to lift a yearly contribution for the Synodical Treasury in each of his congregations.

4. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of Synod be put into print, and that the empty space which may be left in the form be filled up with an edifying address.

That our highly esteemed and venerable Senior be requested to furnish the addition which may be needed.

That 500 copies of the proceedings be printed.

That one copy be sent to each Church Council of our United Congregations and one to each preacher.

That the President and Secretary of the Synod provide for said publication.

5. *Resolved*, That in the future each preacher who expects to be absent from Synod, shall send to the preacher of the place where the Synod is to meet, notice of his intended absence for the time, together with his reason for the same, and the number of his baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools, post free.

6. *Resolved*, That the notice of the Jubilee Festival, signed by the President and Secretary of the Synod, be published at the proper time in the various newspapers, wherever it may be necessary.

7. *Resolved*, That \$12 from the Synodical Treasury be sent to each needy preacher's widow.

The preachers handed in the report of baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools as follows, namely :

Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools
Doctor Kurz	110	—	209	58	1
Pastor Jäger	125	64	650	34	12
“ Schmucker	171	112	502	53	3

	Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Pastor	Lochman	156	120	574	32	3
"	Endress	154	70	436	37	1
"	Rothrauf.	79	32	403	22	2
"	Flohr	103	21	149	12	3
"	Grob	123	93	511	9	2
"	Gräber	43	—	98	15	—
"	Mühlenberg	160	70	540	32	3
"	Geisenhainer, Jr.	71	64	245	12	1
"	Herbst, Sr.	175	37	325	32	3
"	Möller	120	36	303	31	2
"	Knoske	285	87	1316	62	6
"	Walter	180	61	766	19	8
"	Mensch	80	50	317	19	4
"	Haas	82	—	139	20	—
"	D. F. Schäffer	135	51	412	19	1
"	Melsheimer	145	127	470	35	3
"	Heine	104	66	618	24	4
"	Hecht	70	—	148	18	—
"	Müller	180	108	1155	80	6
"	Ulrich	118	102	1000	32	6
"	Vanhoff	104	81	570	33	3
"	Ernst	104	55	525	47	4
"	Rebenack	46	—	3	7	—
Deacon	Rehmann	165	80	542	26	—
"	Riemenschneider	34	22	206	11	2
"	Weigant	57	41	460	8	1
"	Bätis	169	92	641	29	6
"	Engel	130	30	450	28	4
"	Meendsen	140	63	740	37	4
"	Becker	75	28	135	43	2
"	Sackman	55	—	78	10	1
"	Heim	133	29	225	18	4
"	Münnig	154	61	584	37	6
"	Tiedeman	88	20	120	10	1
"	Hemping	284	57	874	20	7
"	Shindel	137	62	780	21	4
"	Herbst, Jr.	103	54	342	28	4
Candidate	Scriba	36	24	48	7	1
"	Osterloh	115	32	295	13	3
"	Reck	120	55	470	20	—

Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Candidate Leist	276	—	—	—	—
" Filbert	116	112	645	18	3
" Probst	223	73	599	14	6
" Döring	169	52	794	92	7
" Morris	31	—	73	18	2
" Rupert	119	20	158	20	3
" Strein	97	80	209	15	—
" Heim, Jr.	206	69	410	21	6
" Ben. Kurz	195	73	300	20	2
" Keller	233	193	725	11	4
" Meyerheffer	126	—	159	7	2
" Cramer	65	—	69	5	—
Catechist Repas	127	—	—	16	1

The meeting proceeded to the choice of the place and time of the next Convention.

Harrisburg was chosen as the place, Trinity Sunday, A.D. 1818, the time.

The Synodical Meeting was closed with the singing of an appropriate stanza, and an earnest prayer by the President.

Moreover this year's meeting was dominated (thanks be to Him from whom cometh down every good gift and every perfect gift) by entire concord and fraternal affection.

Deacon Becker preached this evening.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 4, 1817.

The President opened the Ministerial Meeting with a devout prayer.

The following young men announced themselves as applicants for reception into the Ministerium, namely: Messrs. Heyer, Kehler, Stecher, Trumbaur, Hall, Schmuck, Mohler and Kessler.

Committees were appointed to examine the above gentlemen, namely:

To examine the first four: Pastors Jäger, Möller and Ernst.

To examine the following two, together with Catechists Schneider and Repas: Pastors Schäffer, Knoske and Hecht.

For the examination of the remaining two: Pastors Gräber, Roth-rauf and Grob.

With reference to the celebration of the Jubilee, the Ministerium resolved that the German Evangelical Reformed Synod, the Moravians (Evangelische Brüder Gemeinde), the English Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches shall be invited by our President to celebrate the Reformation Festival with us.

The diaries and sermons of the candidates and catechists were handed in, and distributed for examination.

Concerning the Special Conference in the State of Ohio, it was resolved that the ordained preachers of the Special Conference in the State of Ohio, or a majority of them, be allowed to license applicants as candidates or catechists, and to renew their licenses from year to year.

Resolved, further, that after this each candidate and catechist in Ohio shall send his diary and one sermon to the Ministerium Meeting each year.

The complaints against Mr. Backy were now given full consideration, and it was resolved that for the present the Ministerium can have nothing more to do with him, and that the President, together with Pastor Schmucker, inform Mr. Backy of this action, and advise him in a conscientious and affectionate manner.

This morning's session closed with singing and prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P.M.

After prayer, it was resolved that Mr. Sackmann be permitted to accept the congregations which the late Pastor Butler had served.

The preachers, to whom the sermons and diaries of the candidates and catechists had been given at the previous year's session for examination, presented reports on them, which commended them, almost throughout.

The reports concerning the diaries and sermons distributed for examination this morning were also of such a character that the Ministerium had good reason to be pleased with them.

The committees which were appointed to examine the applicants presented reports, in accordance with which it was resolved:

I. That Mr. Heyer be received and accepted as candidate, and that the President and Secretary give him a letter of recommendation to Meadville.

II. That Mr. Stecker also, as candidate, be likewise recommended to Pittsburg.

III. That Mr. Kehler, as candidate, be put in charge of the Poplar Spring congregation.

IV. That Mr. Trumbaur, as candidate, be recommended to Bloomsburg.

V. That Catechists Schneider and Repas be advanced to the grade of candidate.

VI. That Messrs. Hall, Mohler and Kessler be licensed as candidates.

VII. That Mr. Schmuck be received as catechist, under the supervision of Pastor Walter.

Pastor Mühlenberg was then appointed to examine, when occasion offers, two young men who were not present, who had made application, and to license the one, young Mr. Geisenhainer as candidate *ad interim* for Vincent, if he be found capable; and the other, Mr. Müller, on the same condition, as catechist under the supervision of Pastor Müller.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Christian Schäffer, who was ordained in the State of New York, be acknowledged as an ordained member, since there is no doubt as to his capabilities.

The session was closed with prayer.

In the evening Pastor Müller preached.

THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 6 A.M.

After an earnest prayer, it was resolved that this evening in the church Candidates Reck, Filbert, Probst and Döring be publicly ordained as deacons.

Certain money matters were settled with the Treasurer by the members of the Ministerium, and documents were filled out by the President and Secretary, and then the session closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 9 A.M.

After prayer, and more discussion, it was resolved that the licenses of all candidates who are not about to be advanced to the grade of deacon, and the catechists' licenses of Messrs. Walter and Jäger be renewed.

Resolved, That no traveling preachers can be sent out this year, because of a lack of funds in the treasury.

Resolved, That the matter of the Agenda be referred to a committee of twelve pastors to complete the Agenda; before they take final action on it, to hand it over to our venerable Senior for examination, and then to conclude the whole matter, and to put the Agenda produced in this way through the press.

The committee appointed for this purpose are Messrs. Kurtz, D.D., Schäffer, D.D., Jäger, Schmucker, Geisenhainer, Sr., Lochmann, Endress, Rothrauf, Mühlenberg, Knoske, Heine and Müller.

This committee resolved, in the presence of the Ministerium, to meet in Baltimore, the second Thursday of the coming September.

Finally \$3 were granted out of the Rödelheim legacy to each of the needy preachers' widows in addition to the already appropriated \$12.

Then the Ministerium was adjourned with singing, prayer and benediction.

In the evening the appointed ordinations were publicly held. A solemn quiet ruled over the assembled multitude, as the President, together with the Secretary and Dr. Kurtz, ordained the above mentioned gentlemen as deacons, by the laying on of hands, and handed their licenses, with admonitions and benedictions, to the candidates and catechists.

May the blessing of our great and gracious Lord and Head rest upon us and our transactions.

That the above is a correct transcript of the transactions of the Synodical and Ministerial Meetings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, for the year 1817, is hereby certified.

CHRISTIAN ENDRESS,
Secretary.

SEVENTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

1818.

SYNODICAL MEETING.

HELD IN HARRISBURG,¹ DURING TRINITY WEEK OF THE YEAR 1818.

On Trinity Sunday, May 17, 1818, the attending preachers and delegates met in the parsonage and went in procession to the church. Secretary Endress preached. At the same time Pastor Rothrauf preached in the Reformed Church.

In the afternoon Mr. Becker preached in the Lutheran and Pastor Schäffer in the Reformed Church.

In the evening Pastor Mühlenberg preached.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 9 A.M.

The preachers and delegates met in the church. The session was opened with singing and prayer.

THE FOLLOWING PREACHERS WERE PRESENT :

Dr. Kurtz	Baltimore.
Pastor Jäger	Allentown.
“ Schmucker	York.
“ Geisenhainer, Sr.	Muskanon.
“ Lochman	Harrisburg.
“ Endress	Lancaster.
“ Rothrauf	Greencastle.
“ Gräber	Middletown.
“ Mühlenberg	Reading.
“ Geisenhainer, Jr.	Pottsgrove.
“ Herbst, Sr.	Manchester.

¹ At the celebration of the eightieth birthday of the late Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., in the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, May 5th, 1893, Dr. Schaeffer related his recollection of the procession of carriages containing the members of Synod, that entered Harrisburg in a body, before this convention.

Pastor	Mensch	Springfield.
"	Haas	Mechanicstown.
"	Schäffer	Frederick.
"	Heine	Gettysburg.
"	Hecht	Easton.
"	Müller	Falconer Swamp.
"	Ulrich	Tulpehocken.
"	Ernst	Lebanon.
"	Rebenack	Huntingdon.
Deacon	Kessler	Cumberland.
"	Engel	Bloomsburg.
"	Meendsen	Lehigh.
"	Becker	Germantown.
"	Münnig	Pinegrove.
"	Hemping	Lyken's Valley.
"	Schindel	Sunbury.
"	Herbst, Jr	York County.
"	Filbert	New Holland.
"	Probst	Forks.
Candidate	Scriba	_____
"	Osterloh	Cumberland County.
"	Wortmann	Lehigh County.
"	Ruppert	Plainfield.
"	Strain	Elizabethtown.
"	Heim	Mifflin.
"	Kurtz	Hagerstown.
"	Keller	Carlisle.
"	Meyerheffer	Madison.
"	Cramer	_____
"	Repas	Pennsborough.
"	Heyer	Meadville.
"	Stecher	Macungy.
"	Kohler	Martinsburg.
"	Trumbauer	Leacock.
"	Kessler	_____
"	Hall	Catawissa.
"	Geisenhainer	Pikeland.
"	German	Womelsdorf.
Catechist	Schmick	Sinking Valley.
"	Müller	Newstore.

Forty-seven were absent.

ACCREDITED DELEGATES OF THE CONGREGATIONS WERE:

Mr. Reppert	Baltimore.
" Appel	Allentown.
" Nes	York.
" Kunkel	Harrisburg.
" Kurtz	Lancaster.
" Kisecker	Greencastle.
" Bickel	Reading.
" Yerger	Pottsgrove.
" Nees	Manchester.
" Müller	Mechanicstown.
" Ebert	Frederich.
" Barnet	Easton.
" Breitenbach	Tulpehocken.
" Beaver	Lebanon.
" Wunderlich	Cumberland.
" Kleppinger	Lehigh.
" Duy	Germantown.
" Lenkert	Lyken's Valley.
" Leissenring	Sunbury.
" Müller	Cumberland.
" Deily	Plainfield.
" Hall	Elizabethtown.
" Reist	Mifflin.
" Schumann	Hagerstown.
" Hummerich	Carlisle.
" Haner	Pennsborough.
" Carr	Macungy.
" Matter	Martinsburg.
" Probst	Catawissa.
" Schaffer	Sinking Valley.
" Freytag	Pikeland.
" Degler	Womelsdorf.

The last named, Messrs. Freytag and Degler, were present as members, with the privilege of a seat. Accordingly, the whole body of members having the right to vote was composed of seventy-nine persons.

The Synod proceeded to the election of officers for this year.

Pastor Lochman became President.

" Endress became Secretary.

" Mühlenberg became Treasurer.

All communications were called in, numbered and divided among five committees, which were charged to examine the same, and to report on their contents during the afternoon.

Pastors Schäffer and Heine and Mr. Breitenbach were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

The proceedings of the meeting of the previous year were read.

It was resolved, that, for the sake of convenience, and for the easier dispatch of business, the preachers shall sit during the meeting, in front of the President, from his left to his right, according to the order of their seniority in office, and shall retain the seats which they have once taken, until the adjournment of the Synod.

The session was closed with singing and prayer.

MONDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reported that they had found the same correct, and that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer amounts to \$235.35½, but that in this sum there are \$20 of bad money.

The committees to examine the communications sent in presented their reports. The Synod duly considered them. The following, indicated by numbers, demanded special notice, namely :

1. A request from Morlach and Benjamin's Churches, in Maryland. They desire to have Mr. Gräber, Jr., as their preacher.

It was resolved, that if Mr. Gräber pass the examination, he be permitted to accept these congregations.

2. A communication from Cumberland, Maryland. The congregation asks for a preacher, and promises him respectable support.

Resolved, That any preacher of our connection be allowed to visit and accept the congregation.

Resolved, further, That if, within this month, there be no preacher found for this congregation, that the neighboring preachers are hereby requested to preach there for a time on a visit.

3. An affectionate and fraternal letter from our venerable Senior, in which, among other matters, he makes excuse for the absence of himself and his congregation.

The letter was read, and it was moved that the President, in the name of the Synod, answer it.

4. A letter from Mr. Zentler (printer), in which he states that he still has a large number of Magazines on hand, and desires to know to whom the same shall be delivered.

Resolved, That Mr. Zentler be requested to keep these Magazines

until the next Synod, on the condition that he deliver up as many as may be demanded upon the order of Mr. Peter Lex, and that the preachers who would like to have any of these Magazines might apply to Mr. Lex.

5. Mr. Zentler's account with reference to the Magazine.

Pastors Mühlenberg, Schäffer and Hecht, and Messrs. Nes and Kurz, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts, and report on the same.

6. A memorial from a part of St. Michael's and Zion's congregations in Philadelphia.

Pastors Schmucker, Geisenhainer, Sr., Mühlenberg and Endress, and Messrs. Nes, Appel and Duy, were appointed a committee fully to consider the whole matter, and make a report.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Pastor Jäger preached.

TUESDAY, 9 A M.

After a hymn and prayer, two letters were read. They had been addressed to our President the previous fall, in reference to the Jubilee celebration; the one by the Rev. Bishop White, D.D., of Philadelphia; the other by the Rev. Bishop Reichel, of Bethlehem. The Synod rejoiced at the Christian fraternal affection and the high regard for the fathers of the Reformation which were manifested in both letters.

There now appeared before the Synod the Rev. Messrs. H. Hofmeier, C. Wack and W. Hendel, as a delegation from the Evangelical Reformed Synod of this State, and presented a communication, the contents of which are as follows:

"Extract from the Protocol of the Evangelical Reformed Synod held in Yorktown, September 9, 1817.

"No. 5. On motion of Mr. Sam. Helfenstein that, because of the increase and growth of our congregations, efforts should be made to provide an institution for the education of young preachers.

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider the matter, and to lay their conclusions before the Synod this afternoon.

"And on September 10th:

"No. II. The committee to inquire into the matter of the erection of a Seminary (Schulanstalt) presented their conclusions, whereupon

"*Resolved*, To postpone the matter for closer examination, as it is too important to be taken up in haste.

"No. III. The committee reported further, that a committee of three should be appointed to confer with a committee of the Lutheran Synod.

"*Resolved*, That Messrs. Hendel, Hofmeier and Wack, Sr., be the committee to the Lutheran Synod.

"Signed,

"HENRICH HOFMEIER, *Secretary pro tem.*"

Mr. Hofmeier explained the whole matter somewhat more in detail to the Synod.

Thereupon *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with our brethren of the venerable Reformed Synod concerning the proposed plan.

Messrs. Schmucker, Jäger and Mühlenberg were appointed on this committee.

The committee appointed yesterday on the Philadelphia business made the following report, namely :

The undersigned members of the committee have the honor to lay the following report before the Synod :

1. The petition of Messrs. Peter Lex and Joh. Lang, and the communication handed to the Synod by them, according to our opinion, consists of two parts.

First. That the Synod may permit the preachers of its connection occasionally to preach in the Academy in the English language for the younger members of the Philadelphia congregation who do not understand the German language.

Second. That the Synod may, in general, advise the English congregation in Philadelphia what the Synod believes, in the presence of Jesus Christ, should be done in the Philadelphia congregation, in their present most distressed circumstances.

2. After mature consideration, the committee recommends to the Synod the following action :

(1.) *Resolved*, That the Synod would act most imprudently, would permit a dangerous innovation, and would do injustice to our esteemed and venerable fathers in Philadelphia, if, without the consent of said fathers, we would give to any visiting brother Synodical right and authority, under any circumstances, to preach in the Philadelphia congregation, or to perform other ministerial acts.

(2.) *Resolved*, That the Synod, however, from time to time, is becoming more and more convinced that the saving doctrine of our Lord, according to the principles of our Evangelical Church, should be brought and preached to the younger portion of the Philadelphia congregation in the English language.

(3.) *Resolved*, That the Synod issue to the congregation and Church Council in Philadelphia an urgent and earnest request, that they should

seriously see to it that, without injury to the German service, the instruction and edification of the younger portion of the congregation, in the English language, be introduced, without causing a still greater separation of the congregation by continued refusal.

(4.) *Resolved*, That the Synod would regard it as praiseworthy if, in order to satisfy the demand, St. Michael's Church would be appointed for the holding of divine service in the English language.

Signed by

J. GEORGE SCHMUCKER,
FR. W. GEISENHAINER,
CHRISTIAN ENDRESS,
HENR. A. MÜHLENBERG,
WILHELM NES,
JOHANN K. DUY.

The above proposed resolutions were fully considered in the Synod, item by item, and, the roll being called, they were adopted almost unanimously as the resolutions of the assembled Synod. It was also resolved, that the urgent request provided for in the above resolutions shall be prepared by Pastor Schmucker, and, together with the resolutions, shall be sent to the Philadelphia congregation and its Church Council.

7. From various reports of the committees for the examination of the communications transmitted to the Synod, it appeared that several preachers and congregations have neither brought nor sent any contribution for the Synodical Treasury; whereupon,

Resolved, That those preachers who had lifted no contribution be requested to do it as soon as possible, and to transmit the same to the Treasurer.

8. A memorial from several congregations in Huntingdon County, in which it is stated that Mr. Schmick is serving too many congregations, and is unwilling to give up any, in consequence of which Pastor Rebenack is unable to obtain adequate support in Huntingdon.

Resolved, That the investigation of this matter be referred to Messrs. Rothrauf, Meendsen, Haas, Lengert and Kisecker.

This morning's session was closed after a prayer.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

Prayer was offered.

9. Various communications from Macungy, and the congregations connected with Macungy. The latter have accepted Mr. Stecker as their preacher; the former is not itself united, nor does it agree with the other congregations. They request a decision of the Synod.

Resolved, To refer the closer examination of this matter to Messrs. Schmucker, Gräber, Meendsen, Ruppert and Kurz.

Here the committee concerning Mr. Schmick reported as follows :

"After sufficient inquiry, it was found that Mr. Schmick is serving but six, and not eleven congregations.

"*Resolved*, That Mr. Rebenack and Mr. Schmick both preach in the Wasserstrassen congregation, make arrangements for a public election, and the one elected by a majority of votes shall serve the charge."

(2.) "*Resolved*, That in case the majority of the Wasserstrassen congregation decide upon Mr. Schmick, Mr. Schmick shall resign the Eckstown congregation in favor of Mr. Rebenack."

(3.) "*Resolved*, That Mr. Rebenack shall visit and take charge of the vacant congregation at Huntingdon."

The resolutions of this report were adopted.

The committee on Mr. Zentler's accounts also reported that the same balance, but that the committee was unable to propose definite action because it has not a full insight into the matter.

The day's session was closed, as usual, with prayer.

Pastor Ernst preached this evening.

WEDNESDAY, 8 P.M.

Opened with singing and prayer.

The committee to examine into the Macungy matter reported, according to which, after the delegates of the congregations in question had been heard, the following resolutions were adopted, viz. :

Resolved, That the congregation in Macungy be advised to hold a new election, and if Mr. Stecker be again elected by a majority of the members, the minority shall not be allowed to make further objections.

Resolved, That this must not be an election between Mr. Stecker and some other preacher, but that the votes must be cast either "yea" or "nay," whether Mr. Stecker shall or shall not be their pastor.

Resolved, That a neighboring preacher be charged to be present at the election.

Resolved, That Pastor Meendsen shall be the said preacher who is to attend the election.

Resolved, That the election be appointed for next Sunday five weeks, and only such shall be allowed to vote who have partaken of the Holy Communion with the congregation, and have contributed to the congregation, within the last two years of Pastor Heine's pastorate.

The committee which had been appointed yesterday to confer with the committee of the Evangelical Reformed Synod, and devise ways

and means for the founding of a joint Institution of Learning, in order to train young men in the future for the ministry, presented the following report:

1. That they have acted according to their instructions, and have ascertained that in the city of Lancaster there is an institution known by the name of Franklin College, which, in the year 1787, was given to the German Lutheran and Reformed Churches for this purpose, and to which a present of 10,000 acres of land had been given.

2. That the committee greatly lament that this institution has been so much neglected thus far, and thereby the purpose which the State, from the beginning, had intended it to serve has been frustrated.

3. That the committee has carefully examined the charter of this institution, and has found it necessary to recommend that the President of the same be instructed to call a general assembly of all the Trustees of the same.

4. That Messrs. Hofmeyer and Endress shall see that this convocation be brought about.

5. That a committee shall be appointed by both Synods in common, to prepare a plan, according to which the above-mentioned institution can best be reconstructed (eingerichtet) for the above-mentioned purpose.

This report was fully approved, and Messrs. Schmucker, Lochmann, Geisenhainer, Sr., Endress and Mühlenberg were appointed a committee, in accordance with the 5th section of the report.

The contributions of the congregations to the Synodical Treasury were now gathered. The whole sum of the collected contributions, the money received for Magazines, and the loans paid back by such men as had been aided by the Synod during their years of study, amounted to \$585.30.

It was resolved, that it be left to the Ministerium whether a traveling preacher shall be appointed this year.

Resolved, That the publication of the Church Agenda and Ministerial Order be paid for out of the Synodical Treasury.

Resolved, That \$12 be sent to each needy preacher's widow out of the Synodical Treasury.

Resolved, Finally, that the Synod thinks it were desirable if the various Evangelical Lutheran Synods in the United States were to stand in some way or another in closer connection with each other, and that the venerable Ministerium be charged to consider this matter, to prepare a plan for a closer union, if the venerable Ministerium deem it advisable, and to see to it that this union, if it be desirable, be brought about, if possible.

The preachers handed in their lists of baptized, confirmed, communicants, burials and schools, as follows :

Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	Burials.	Schools.
Dr. Helmuth }	256	52	800	88	5
“ Schäffer }					
“ Kurtz	96	41	279	43	1
Pastor Henkel	—	—	—	—	—
“ Carpenter	—	—	—	—	—
“ Jäger	104	65	618	35	12
“ Schmucker	164	74	465	53	4
“ Geisenhainer, Sr.	9	16	42	3	—
“ Lochmann	152	46	512	36	3
“ Endress	139	83	439	26	1
“ Rothrauf	91	49	307	16	2
“ Dill	—	—	—	—	—
“ Flohr	—	—	—	—	—
“ Grob	—	—	—	—	—
“ Schintler	—	—	—	—	—
“ Stauch	—	—	—	—	—
“ Gräber	73	50	158	24	2
“ Mühlenberg	162	75	680	26	4
“ Geisenhainer, Jr.	75	—	196	15	1
“ Ilgen	—	—	—	—	—
“ Herbst, Sr.	104	34	256	24	3
“ Möller	121	73	350	25	1
“ Röllner	147	111	514	31	—
“ Reck	—	—	—	—	—
“ Knoske	205	175	1197	52	8
“ Walter	158	59	1101	16	12
“ Petersen	24	12	45	2	—
“ Mensch	79	25	228	20	4
“ Haas	64	58	126	19	—
“ D. F. Schäffer	189	51	501	33	1
“ Melsheimer	—	—	—	—	—
“ Heine	33	29	200	7	2
“ Meyer	—	—	—	—	—
“ Hecht	120	49	197	48	1
“ Müller	145	123	1050	35	5
“ Ullrich	153	85	1035	46	6
“ Vanhoff	87	—	280	18	3
“ Ernst	120	48	488	39	4

	Preachers.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	Burials.	Schools.
Deacon	Rehmann	—	—	—	—	—
"	Kessler	42	31	103	12	2
"	Riemenschneider. .	—	—	—	—	—
"	Weigandt	—	—	—	—	—
"	Bätis	122	47	262	25	6
"	Engel	106	43	419	25	6
"	Meendsen	143	65	590	36	5
"	Becker.	49	23	220	45	2
"	Sackman.	43	—	20	10	1
"	Heim	—	—	—	—	—
"	Münnig	184	—	560	40	7
"	Tiedemann.	—	—	—	—	—
"	Hemping	228	66	745	29	6
"	Schindel	117	74	746	17	3
"	Herbst, Jr.	108	—	322	13	5
"	Steck	—	—	—	—	—
"	Filbert	108	53	433	20	3
"	Probst	213	165	583	24	4
"	Doering	—	—	—	—	—
Pastor	Rebenach	33	—	22	3	1
"	C. F. [F. C.] Schäffer.	—	—	—	—	—
Candidate	Scriba	45	25	83	7	—
"	Simon	—	—	—	—	—
"	Osterloh	112	28	206	9	—
"	Merkel	—	—	—	—	—
"	Rudisil	—	—	—	—	—
"	Weygand	—	—	—	—	—
"	Nic. Schmucker . .	—	—	—	—	—
"	Reinhardt	—	—	—	—	—
"	Meyer	—	—	—	—	—
"	Huet	—	—	—	—	—
"	Leist	—	—	—	—	—
"	Maw	—	—	—	—	—
"	Wartmann	102	118	882	45	8
"	Morris	—	—	—	—	—
"	Ruppert	89	34	128	16	8
"	Strein	105	52	270	13	2
"	Heim, Jr.	161	35	400	28	8
"	Dan. Kurtz	165	56	360	50	3
"	Keller	190	174	742	10	2
"	Meyerheffer	151	—	158	10	2

Candidate.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	Burials.	Schools.
Candidate Steck	—	—	—	—	—
“ Braun ¹	—	—	—	—	—
“ Cruse	—	—	—	—	—
“ Cramer	68	42	82	5	—
“ Schneider	—	—	—	—	—
“ Repas	133	34	220	16	—
“ Heyer	53	—	75	4	3
“ Stecher	55	33	375	17	—
“ Kehler	33	68	184	4	3
“ Trumbaur	13	—	—	3	—
“ Hall	92	98	475	14	—
“ Mohler	—	—	—	—	—
“ Kessler	85	59	174	8	—
Catechist Walter	—	—	—	—	—
“ Jäger	—	—	—	—	—
“ Schmick	85	—	—	8	—
“ Müller	—	—	—	—	—
“ Geisenhainer	25	—	114	7	2
“ German	—	—	—	—	—

NOTE.—Those preachers, after whose names there is a blank in the above list, have neglected to send in their reports.

Baltimore was chosen as the place, and Trinity Sunday, 1819, as the time for next year's Convention.

Hereupon the whole Synod bowed in the presence of its Lord, and gave thanks for the grace bestowed, and prayed devoutly for blessing upon the completed transactions; and after an appropriate hymn had been sung in conclusion, the meeting was dismissed by the President with devout benedictions.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1818, 3 P.M.

The business of the Ministerial Meeting was opened, as usual, with singing and prayer.

Mr. Ludwig Walz and Mr. Gräber appeared as applicants for recep-

¹ Gone to Germany.

tion into the Ministerium ; at the same time there also appeared Messrs. Wilh. German and Fried. W. Geisenhainer, who under licence as candidates ad interim, and Messrs. Conrad Müller and H. Schulz, who as catechists ad interim, had served during several months.

Committees were appointed to examine the above applicants.

The sermons and diaries of the candidates and catechists were divided among the ordained preachers for examination.

A certain Mr. Vorhoff applied for reception into the Synod. The Ministerium postponed action on the same.

It was resolved to renew the licenses of Messrs. Morris and Due.

Resolved, That hereafter the candidates and catechists immediately upon their arrival at the place where the Synod is to meet, shall hand over to the Pastor loci their sermons and diaries in a neatly tied packet and with their names plainly written on the same, so that the President of the Ministerium likewise may be able to hand them at once to the attending ordained preachers for examination.

The committee, which had been appointed at the meeting of the previous year, with reference to the Church Agenda, reported that, for various reasons, but five of its members had been able to attend the meeting in Baltimore ; that these five had not been willing to undertake the complete execution of the matters, and that they had concluded to lay the work they had done before the whole Ministerium.

The reading of the work done by the said committee was begun and the Ministerium approved the work, part by part, as much as the time would allow.

At 6 P.M. the Ministerium closed with prayer.

This evening Pastor Hofmeier, Evangelical Reformed preacher from Lancaster, preached.

THURSDAY, 8 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

A certain Mr. Zursiler desired counsel and help from the Ministerium, saying that he wished to study theology.

After a short hearing, and some deliberation following it, the Ministerium agreed to have nothing whatever to do with the gentleman, nor the above-mentioned Mr. Vorhoff.

The Church Agenda was taken up again, but not finished.

In accordance with the reports of the examiners, it was resolved :

1. That Mr. Friedrich Wilhelm Geisenhainer be given a license for Pikeland and Vincent as a candidate.

2. That Mr. Conrad Müller be given a candidate's license for the Newstore congregation.

3. That Mr. Gräber be given a candidate's license for Morlack and Benjamin's churches.

4. That a license be filled out and handed to Mr. Waltz as soon as he finds a congregation, which he may accept with the consent of the President.

5. That Mr. Schulze be given a candidate's license for the congregations in Nittany Valley and Tucker Valley.

6. That Mr. German be given a candidate's license, with the advice that he avail himself of the counsel and guidance of Pastor Mühlenberg, and give himself diligently to study.

7. That because of the special wants of the congregation which he is serving, Mr. Schmick be given a candidate's license, but that at the delivery of the same, the President shall explain to him what was the sole reason for granting it, and that if after a year, he does not pass a better examination, he will not be likely to receive his license again, and that the Ministerium also advises him to be more circumspect in his intercourse with people.

The reports concerning the sermons and diaries of the candidates and catechists were handed in.

Resolved, That this evening at the public meeting, Messrs. Scriba, Wartman, Ruppert and Strein be ordained deacons.

An earnest prayer closed this session.

3.30 P.M.

After the customary prayer, it was resolved that Catechist Jäger, in accordance with the advice from our venerable Senior, be given a candidate's license.

The matter of the Church Agenda was now fully concluded.

Resolved, That Pastor Kurz, Lochman and Schmucker publish the Agenda, thus completed.

Resolved, That a copyright for the Agenda be taken out, in the name of the committee, in behalf of the Synod.

Resolved, That the edition shall not exceed 3000 copies.

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod shall contribute a corresponding committee, to bring about, wherever practicable, a union with the other Evangelical Lutheran Synods in the United States.

This evening at the public meeting, Messrs. Scriba, Wartman, Ruppert and Strein were solemnly ordained deacons by the laying on of hands, and the lately appointed candidates were handed their licenses, with appropriate formalities, admonitions and prayers.

Thanks be to our good and faithful Shepherd for His grace! Unusual unanimity and the most hearty concord and fraternal affection

reigned throughout all the deliberations of the Synod and the Ministerium. These are the fruits of His Spirit. May they always be in our midst and continually be produced and increased in all our congregations to the honor of His holy name. Amen. Amen.

Attest : CHRIST. ENDRESS,
Secretary.

SEVENTY-SECOND CONVENTION.

1819.

SYNODICAL MEETING

HELD IN BALTIMORE DURING TRINITY WEEK OF THE YEAR 1819.

On Trinity Sunday, June 6, 1819, the attending preachers and delegates met in the parsonage, and went in procession to the church. Pastor Geo. Lochman, President of the Ministerium, preached on Mark 16: 15, 16. In the afternoon Pastor Endress, Secretary of the Ministerium, preached on I Tim. 1: 15. In the evening Doctor Schäffer preached on II Cor. 4: 5.

In the Reformed Church, three sermons were also delivered on the same day. In the morning Candidate Keller preached on Prov. 14: 34. In the afternoon F. D. Schäffer preached on II Cor. 4: 1. In the evening Candidate Cruse preached on Micah 4: 1, 2.

In the Otterbein Church, Deacon Sackman preached on Luke 11: 21-26, in the morning. Deacon Rehman preached on Acts 26: 18, in the afternoon.

N. B.—On the previous evening, Pastor Schober, Secretary of the Ministerium of North Carolina, had preached in the Lutheran Church on John 3: 5.

MONDAY, JUNE 7TH, 9 A.M.

The preachers and delegates assembled in the church, and the session was opened with singing and prayer, conducted by the President.

THE FOLLOWING PASTORS WERE PRESENT:

1. Dr. Schäffer, Philadelphia.
2. " Kurz Baltimore.
3. Pastor Schober North Carolina.
4. " Jäger Allentown.
5. " Schmucker . . Yorktown.
6. " Lochman . . . Harrisburg.
7. " Endress Lancaster.

8. Pastor Rothrauff . . . Greencastle.
9. " Grobb . . . Taneytown.
10. " Mühlenberg . . Reading.
11. " Möller . . . Chambersburg.
12. " Röller . . . Goshenhoppen.
13. " Herbst, Sr. . . Manchester.
14. " Haas . . . Woodsbury.
15. " F. D. Schäffer . Friedrichstown.
16. " Melzheimer . . Hanover.
17. " Hecht . . . Easton.
18. " Müller . . . Falconer Swamp.
19. " Ulrich . . . Tulpehocken.
20. " Ernst . . . Lebanon.
21. " Rebenack . . . Huntingdon.

DEACONS.

22. Mr. Engel . . . Hamburg.
23. " Meendsen . . . Lecha Township.
24. " Rehmann . . . Abbotstown.
25. " Becker . . . Germantown.
25. " Sackman . . . Loudon.
26. " Tiedeman . . . Somerset.
27. " Herbst, Jr. . . Gettysburg.
28. " Hemping . . . Lyken's Valley.
29. " Scriba . . . Strassburg.
30. " Filbert . . . New Holland.
31. " Probst . . . Forks Township.
32. " Reck . . . Winchester.
33. " Strein . . . Elizabethtown.

CANDIDATES.

34. Mr. Osterloh . . . Mechanicsburg.
35. " Weygand . . . Wippan and Northern.
36. " Heim, Jr. . . Mifflin.
37. " Kurz . . . Hagerstown.
38. " Keller . . . Carlisle.
39. " Meyerheffer . . . Madison County, Virginia.
40. " Crusy . . . Cohensy.
41. " Cramer . . . Franklin.
42. " Kessler . . . Bloomsburg.
43. " Trumbaur . . . Leacock, Lancaster County.
44. " Hal . . . Catawissa.

45. Mr. Kehler Martinsburg.
46. " Stecher Macunshy.
47. " Müller Newstore.
48. " Geisenhainer Pikeland.
49. " Germann Womelsdorf.
50. " Walz Philadelphia.
51. " Schulz Johnstown, Cumberland County.
52. " Gräber Westminster.
53. " ('corrected into "54")
Schmück . . . Sinking Valley.

DELEGATES WITH CREDENTIALS.

1. Mr. Joh. Schorr . . . Baltimore.
2. " Joh. Demuth . . York.
3. " Peter Keller . . Harrisburg.
4. " Wilhelm Henzel . Lancaster.
5. " Hein. Schmidt . . Greencastle.
6. " Fried. Gelwicks . Taneytown.
7. " George Matter . . Manchester.
8. " Jacob Bahrdt . . Woodsbury.
9. " George Gelwicks . Friderichtown.
10. " Daniel Barnitz . . Hanover.
11. " Chr. Jac. Hütter . Easton.
12. " Leonhard Stupp . Tulpehocken.
13. " Georg Engelhard . Mifflin.
14. " Barnhard Gilbert . Gettysburg.
15. " Joh. Haal . . . Elizabethtown.
16. " Franz Brotzmann . Hagerstown.
17. " Andrew Emminger, Carlisle.
18. " Ephraim Frey . . Madison County, Virginia.
19. " Jacob Schmeir . . Macunshy.
20. " Georg Weiss . . Martinsburg.
21. " Samuel Weidler . . Leacock, Lancaster County.
22. " Christof. Kehler . Bloomsburg.
23. " Andrew Ries . . Westminster.

Accordingly, the whole body of the voting members of the Synod was composed of seventy-seven persons. After they had all taken their regular seats the election of officers was taken up.

¹ The Secretary made a mistake in his count of members of Synod. He has among the ministers, two with "No. 25." Hence the Synod was composed of "76" and not "77" votes, as indicated in the printed minutes.

N. B.—Mr. Gottlieb Schober, of North Carolina, and Secretary of the Ministerium of that State, presented his credentials as a delegate of their Synod, and received a seat and vote among us.

Pastor Schmucker was chosen President.

“ Jäger was chosen Secretary.

“ Mühlenberg was chosen Treasurer.

The communications were handed to the President, numbered, and divided among six committees, to examine the contents of the same and to make reports concerning them.

The first committee was composed of Messrs. Dr. Schäffer, Grobb, Strein and B. Kurz as preachers, and Messrs. Schorr and Keller as delegates.

The second committee was composed of Messrs. Lochman, Rothrauf and Keller, as preachers, and Messrs. Demuth and Hengel, as delegates.

The third committee was composed of Messrs. Endress, Rölller, Hecht and Meierheffer, as preachers, and Messrs. Schmidt and Gelwicks, as delegates.

The fourth committee was composed of Messrs. Mühlenberg, Melsheimer, Stecher and Cruse, as preachers, and Messrs. Gelwicks and Barnitz, as delegates.

The fifth committee was composed of Messrs. F. D. Schäfer, Möller, Hemping and Probst, as preachers, and Messrs. Christian Jacob Hütter and Bernhard Gilbert, as delegates.

The sixth committee was composed of Messrs. Ernst, Müller, Reck and Herbst, as preachers, and Messrs. Emminger and Schmeier, as delegates.

The session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer.

The first committee made the following report on the communications submitted to it:

No. 1. A letter from Mr. Braunsius, who was formerly a member of our Synod, but is now in Germany, requesting the President and Secretary of this Synod to send him, in writing, a favorable testimonial of his ministrations in this country.

Resolved, That his request be not granted.

Also a letter from Dr. Schwarz, Professor in the University of Heidelberg, in which he makes known his enjoyment of our “Magazin,” which Mr. Braunsius had handed to him, and also expresses the desire to have a more intimate acquaintance with our Synod. As a mark of

his love and esteem for the Synod, he has sent to it the following writings: Compendium of Dogmatics, a Compendium of Pedagogics, a Treatise on the Church, etc., in three parts, a Sermon, Stilling's *Age*, written by himself; also two engravings, one for Dr. Helmuth, and one for the Synod.

Resolved, That our "Magazin," from the beginning, together with the proceedings of this year's Synod, neatly bound, be sent at the expense of the Synod to Dr. Schwarz, of Heidelberg, as a mark of our gratefulness for the present which he has made to the Synod.

Resolved, That in the name of the Synod our Reverend Senior, Dr. Helmuth, answer the letter of Dr. Schwarz.

No. 2. A letter from the congregation in Berlin, Somerset County, in which the congregation gives Mr. Krügler a favorable testimonial, and makes request for his reception into the Synod. Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 3. A letter from Mr. Münnig, in which he excuses his absence, sends \$6.60 for the Synodical Treasury, and encloses the lists of his baptized, etc.

Also two letters, one from Mr. Gottl. Schober, of North Carolina, and one from Mr. Quitmann, of New York, in which they express the desire for a closer union of the Evangelical Lutheran Synods in the United States.

Resolved, That Dr. Schäfer, Dr. Kurz and Pastors Lochman and Endress, from among the preachers, and Messrs. Demuth, Keller and Schorr, from among the delegates, shall constitute a committee to consider, together with Mr. Gottl. Schober, the matter of such a union of the Synods, and as soon as possible to draft a plan for this purpose.

No. 4. Letters of excuse from Messrs. Knoske, Flohr and Stauch. The excuses were accepted, and as Mr. Stauch also asks for a copy of the Agenda and several copies of the Ministerial Order, it was resolved, that one copy of the Agenda, and twelve of the Ministerial Order, be sent to Mr. Stauch as a present.

No. 5. A letter from Macungy, signed by three men, stating that a part of the congregation is unwilling to acknowledge Mr. Stecher as their preacher, and that they believe that only a non-partisan preacher can restore peace and quiet in their congregation.

The matter was postponed.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Pastor Mühlenberg preached on I Cor. 7: 31.

TUESDAY, 9 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

A committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That Pastor Ernst and Delegates Christian Jac. Hütter and Mr. Hempel shall constitute the committee.

The Macungy matter was now again taken up, and after several earnest remarks, it was resolved, that since Mr. Stecher, in accordance with the resolution of the Synod of the previous year, had been lawfully elected again as preacher of the Macungy congregation, the Synod can now have nothing more to do in the matter of the said congregation, and that in case the minority of the congregation (by an appeal to the law) desire to prevent Mr. Stecher from preaching in the church, none of our other members can be given permission to perform ministerial acts in the congregation, so long as this thing lasts.

The second committee reported on the communications submitted to it:

No. 1. A letter from Pastor F. Christian Schäfer, from New York, in which he excuses his absence, and gives the assurance that it would be very acceptable to the Synod in York State if our Synod would send a delegate to the York Synod next fall.

Resolved, That Secretary Jäger shall be our delegate to the York Synod this year.

No. 2. A letter from our Reverend Senior, Dr. Helmuth, with various contents. It was referred to the Ministerium.

No. 3. A letter from Mr. Plitt, in which he excuses his absence, and recommends a young man by the name of Kurz as applicant. Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 4. A letter from Pastor Walter, in which he excuses his absence, presents the lists of his baptized, etc., and also states that he has taken up and transmitted a collection of \$18 for the Synodical Treasury. He desires for the Synod God's blessing upon its transactions.

No. 5. A letter from Mr. Rupert, in which he states that he has left his congregations, and has moved to Meadville. The Synod is quite satisfied with this.

No. 6. A letter from Pastor Carpenter, in which he excuses his absence, and recommends a young man by the name of H. A. Kurz for further advancement.

It was referred to the Ministerium.

No. 7. Letters from the congregations in Stumpstown, Jonestown and Walmers, in which they express the desire to have Mr. Joh. Stein as their preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Joh. Stein be permitted to accept them, provided he pass the examination.

No. 8. A letter from Cumberland County, Allegheny, Maryland, in which the congregation announces its satisfaction with Mr. Heyer, at which the Synod sincerely rejoices.

No. 9. A letter from Mr. Heyer himself, in which he excuses his absence, and states that widows Colson and Buttler thank the Synod for its aid and ask for continued assistance. Since he owes Mr. Lochman \$2.50 and Mr. B. Kurz \$1.00, he requests that they may be paid out of this year's appropriation to Widow Buttler, and promises to pay the said sum to Widow Buttler again. He also has collected \$5 for the Synodical Treasury. These, with the above amounts, make \$8.50. He also asks for the renewal of his license, and transmits his lists of baptized, etc.

Resolved, That his request be granted.

No. 10. A letter from Mr. Schulz, in which he states that he has accepted the congregation in Jonestown, Cambria County. The Synod is satisfied with this.

No. 11. A request from Jefferson County, in the State of Kentucky, in which an appeal is made for aid in the building of a new church.

Resolved, That their request cannot be granted, because of the present depleted condition of our treasury.

No 12. A letter from H. A. Kurz. He reports his ministrations, asks for a candidate's license, and states that he has collected \$10.75 on his journey for the Synodical Treasury, but which do not cover his traveling expenses, which amount to \$80. He puts several questions to the Synod for reply, concerning the division of the Ten Commandments and concerning certain expressions used by some in the distribution of the Holy Communion.

Resolved, That the Synod could not at present attend to the answering of the questions.

No. 13. A letter from the congregation in Jefferson County, State of Kentucky, in which it thanks the Synod that it has sent Mr. H. A. Kurz to it, and desires that a candidate's license be given him. Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 14. A letter from the congregation in Nelson County, in the State of Kentucky, in which the congregation voices its satisfaction with Mr. H. A. Kurz, excuses his absence and asks for renewal of his license.

Referred to the Ministerium.

The Protocol of the previous year's Synod was then read, and the session closed with prayer.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer.

The third committee made its report concerning the communications submitted to it.

No. 1. A very beautiful letter from Mr. C. A. Morris, in which he announces that for important reasons he has laid down his office.

Resolved, That his letter be read to the Synod, and that the President, in the name of the Synod, answer the same.

No. 2. A letter from Pastor Geisenhainer, in which he excuses his absence, and reports that he, with his son, is now serving the congregations of Vincent and Pikeland. He asks for one or two copies of the Agenda.

Resolved, That they be sent to him.

No. 3. Letters from the Church Council of St. John's Church in Lyken's Valley, in which they request that the Synod take the necessary steps to divide the congregations, which hitherto were united with this congregation, into two charges.

Resolved, To postpone the matter until the report of the fourth committee.

No. 4. A communication from the Blue Mountain congregation, in which they make excuse for not sending a delegate, and heartily commend their preacher, Mr. German. The Synod has no action to take in the matter, but is well satisfied.

No. 5. A request from the congregation in Greenfield that the Ministerium should allow Mr. Schmick to administer the Holy Communion to them.

N. B.—At this point a verbal report was made by Mr. Rebenack concerning Huntingdon, and by the President concerning Williamsburg and the congregations in the neighborhood. Mr. Schmick declared that he was unwilling to accept the congregations.

The fourth committee reported on the communications submitted to it.

No. 1. A letter from Mr. Jäger, of Philadelphia, in which he gives sickness in the family as his chief reason for absence, and asks for the renewal of his license. The excuse was accepted.

No. 2. A letter from the congregation in Hummelstown, in which they request that several preachers appointed by the Synod might preach to them, and in connection with the Bindnagel and Maxe congregations, desire a new election for a preacher, so that the division of the congregations might be prevented.

Resolved, To postpone the matter until the report of the sixth committee.

No. 3. A letter from several congregations in Schuylkill County, in which they voice their satisfaction with Mr. Gottlieb Jäger, and desire to have him as their pastor.

Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 4. A letter from the seven congregations of Mr. Hemping, in which they announce their satisfaction with their preacher, and declare that they can enter into no connection with St. John's church, since they fear a division of the congregations would result.

Resolved, That a communication be sent to St. John's church in Lykens Valley, admonishing it to unite with the seven other congregations.

No. 5. A letter from Mr. Joh. Goeseman, of Somerset, in which he states that he is inclined towards the ministry, and desires to have a place as schoolmaster, and with it an opportunity to continue his studies with a preacher.

Referred to the Ministerium

The fifth committee reported on the communications submitted to it.

No. 1. A letter from the congregations of Hilltown, etc., in which they express their satisfaction with their preacher, Mr. Wyand. The Synod was pleased with this.

No. 2. A letter from Candidate Stock, in which he complains of his great poverty, fears a lack of food, and asks for assistance from the Synodical Treasury.

Resolved, That \$5 shall be given to Mr. Stock out of the Synodical Treasury, and as he desires the consolation and the good advice of the Synod as to how he shall conduct himself in his hard circumstances, it was resolved, that in the name of the Synod, Pastor Lochman shall give him the same.

No. 3. A favorable testimonial from three congregations for Mr. Schmick, with which the Synod was pleased.

No. 4. A request from Candidate Schulz, that the Synod would advance him \$60, as he is in very needy circumstances, and promises to pay back the same into the Synodical Treasury in yearly amounts of \$20.

The matter was postponed.

No. 5. A letter from Mr. Repas, in which he excuses his absence, and reports that he is serving eight congregations, and asks to have a preacher in the same region who could relieve him of some of his congregations and serve them. He also transmits his lists of baptized, etc., makes excuse for Mr. Schindel's absence, and also transmits his lists of baptized, etc.

Resolved, That if any preacher wishes to go there, he shall first make it known to the President.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer made the following report: That they have found the same correct, and that at present there is a balance in the Treasury of \$465.90, of which, however, \$20 in bank notes are bad money, and also \$11.50 of unpassable notes. The \$20 of bad money should no longer be kept in the Treasury, and then the correct balance would be \$445.90.

Resolved, That the Secretary destroy at once the bad notes, which was done.

The sixth committee reported on the communications submitted to it.

No. 1. A letter from Pastor Molther, in which he states his pleasure at being present at the Synod, and asks for reception into the Synod, and a congregation among us.

Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 2. Several letters from four congregations in Cumberland County, in the neighborhood of Newville, in which they ask for a preacher, and promise him adequate support.

Resolved, To provide for them.

No. 3. Several letters from various congregations in Brothers Valley, Somerset County, in which they express the desire to have Mr. Krügler as preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Krügler be permitted to accept them, provided he pass his examination.

No. 4. A letter from seven congregations in York County, signed by Mr. Herbst, Jr., in which they ask for a preacher, and promise him ample support.

Resolved, That the congregations, Kreutz Creek, Schocholy, Stehlis and Frey's be advised to accept Pastor Grüber as their preacher, and that some other preacher of our connection be permitted to accept the remaining congregations.

No. 5. A request from Middletown, and the congregations belonging thereto, resigned by Mr. Graber, asking for Mr. Kehler, or in case they cannot have him, for some other preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Kehler be permitted to accept the said congregations.

No. 6. A letter from Milford Township, in which the congregation asks to have Mr. Krügler as preacher. This has reference to No. 3.

No. 7. A letter from Mr. Carl Demme, in which he states that he has studied theology at the Universities of Halle and Göttingen, mentions his present condition, and asks for reception into our body.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs. Rothrauf, Grob, Müller and Ernst as preachers, and Messrs. Brotzmann, Gelwicks and Bahrdt as delegates.

No. 8. A letter from the Bindnagel's congregation in Londonderry Township, Lebanon County, in which the congregation makes request for the services of Mr. German.

No. 9. A letter from Pastor Henkel. On motion of the committee, it was read. Since he makes a complaint in it against Mr. Meierheffer without specifying the same, it was resolved that the President inform Mr. Henkel that Synod could not consider his complaint against Mr. Meierheffer, because he did not specify the same.

No. 10. A letter from Abbotstown, in which the congregation complains of being without a preacher, and earnestly asks for the services of Pastor Melsheimer.

The Synod will be fully satisfied if Pastor Melsheimer will accept the congregation.

The Treasurer now gathered up the money for the Synodical Treasury, and the preachers gave in the report of their baptized, etc. The sum of \$618.19 was received for the treasury.

Preachers.	Congregations.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deceased.	Schools.
Dr. Kurz	1	98	—	220	72	1
" Schäfer	1	247	49	846	97	5
Pastor Jäger	4	168	102	670	57	12
" Schmucker . . .	3	172	173	546	60	6
" Lochman	5	149	73	484	26	3
" Endress	1	140	53	367	48	1
" Stauch	—	122	20	259	15	6
" Rothrauf	4	125	51	308	24	4
" Herbst, Sr. . . .	4	118	—	—	—	—
" Gröb	3	98	45	700	4	—
" Mühlenberg . . .	4	165	102	625	28	4
" Möller	4	152	39	367	34	1
" Röller	5	149	59	532	33	3
" Walter	8	230	60	628	38	12
" Rebenack	4	52	14	144	6	—
" Haas	4	82	58	298	23	—
" D.F. Schäfer . . .	4	196	51	497	29	1
" Mensch	4	104	45	304	16	4
" Melsheimer	4	125	245	607	47	4
" Hecht	2	124	—	203	37	1
" Müller	3	137	68	660	24	5
" Flohr	—	164	28	301	27	3
" Knosky	7	230	52	1092	33	—
" Ullerich	6	155	73	950	31	6
" Ernst	5	152	40	381	36	4

DEACONS.

	Preachers.	Congre- gations.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Mr.	Rehman . . .	4	140	113	571	15	4
"	Engel . . .	7	100	64	480	33	8
"	Meendsen . .	7	162	102	853	82	6
"	Becker . . .	3	117	62	250	35	2
"	Kessler . . .	—	68	19	161	14	3
"	Sackman . . .	3	65	42	153	10	—
"	Münig . . .	—	191	141	692	60	8
"	Heim . . .	7	212	63	464	25	9
"	Tiedeman . .	5	99	72	120	23	—
"	Hemping . .	7	238	70	907	25	7
"	Schindel . .	—	136	92	924	16	3
"	Herbst, Jr. .	5	196	49	454	31	3
"	Filbert . . .	6	118	66	502	43	3
"	Reck . . .	5	150	126	815	18	—
"	Probst . . .	4	219	65	516	43	4
"	Strein . . .	5	102	38	350	14	4
"	Döring . . .	6	171	78	825	37	8

CANDIDATES.

Mr.	Scriba . . .	4	47	—	83	11	3
"	Osterloh . .	4	94	20	185	8	1
"	Weyand . .	3	60	19	338	12	1
"	Heim, Jr . .	8	246	83	507	17	8
"	B. Kurz . .	5	149	112	600	30	3
"	Keller . . .	8	213	84	761	30	2
"	Meierheffer .	1	163	55	251	12	3
"	Cruse . . .	1	7	33	43	1	—
"	Repas . . .	—	147	35	205	21	5
"	Cramer . . .	1	31	—	—	1	—
"	Heyer . . .	—	60	60	250	7	1
"	Stecher . . .	4	92	78	579	17	3
"	Kehler . . .	3	49	—	120	5	—
"	Trumbaur . .	2	56	46	136	9	3
"	Haal . . .	8	130	30	420	16	4
"	Kessler . . .	2	165	43	234	4	2
"	Geisenhainer .	2	45	52	250	8	3
"	German . . .	3	113	20	134	7	3
"	Schulz . . .	2	42	5	15	2	1
"	Schmick . .	5	77	138	373	4	2

Preachers.	Congre- gations.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Communi- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
Mr. Müller . . .	3	130	65	650	23	2
" Gräber . . .	4	47	37	316	9	3
" H. A. Kurz . .	—	52	—	—	4	—

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Mr. Reck preached in the Lutheran Church on Gal. 6: 14, and Mr. Hecht in the Reformed Church on I Pet. 2: 21, and Mr. Herbst, Sr., in the Otterbein Church on John 14: 23 .

WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The committee which had been appointed to examine into the matter of Mr. Demme and the three congregations of Hummelstown, Maxe and Bindnagel's, made the following report: After receiving the written and verbal testimonies, it appeared that the congregations of Bindnagel's is so taken up with Mr. German, and the others with Mr. Demme, that they would rather separate than either give up their preacher. The committee had done everything it could to unite the congregations again, but prayer and everything were in vain. The committee recommends that the matter be left as it is at present, particularly as it appears that it is the desire of the preachers and congregations that matters shall stand as they are. The Synod would consequently have no blame if things would not turn out for the congregations according to their wishes.

Resolved, That the report of the committee be accepted.

Concerning the question, What shall be done with the Magazines left over? it was resolved that they shall all be sent to Harrisburg to Mr. Lochman, in order that he may have them sorted at the cost of the Synod.

As Messrs. G. Schäfer and Maund desire to transfer their copyright of the Agenda to the Synod, it was

Resolved, That notice should be given of this in the minutes of this year's Synod.

Resolved, That an order shall be given to Mr. G. Schäfer on the Treasurer of the Synod, to pay to him \$510.59½ out of the Synodical Treasury, for 1475 copies of the Agenda and for the expenses connected therewith.

Hereupon Messrs. G. Schäfer and Maund transferred their copyright on the Agenda in the following words:

"We the undersigned, do certify, that after having received the full "value, we have transferred the copyright on the 'Agenda' to the Rev.

"J. G. Schmucker, President of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Pennsylvania and adjacent States, and to his successors, for the entire use and profit of said Synod. This we do certify. Schäffer and Maund. Done in Baltimore, June 8, 1819."

Further *Resolved*, That a copy of our "Agenda" be given free of charge to each preacher, and each congregation of our connection.

Further *Resolved*, That at the expense of the Synod, the Secretary shall provide two books in which to enter the names of the preachers, the congregations, and what they pay yearly into the treasury.

On the question, what shall be done with the remaining "Agenda," it was

Resolved, That they shall be put into the hands of Mr. G. Schäffer, bookseller in Baltimore, to sell them for the Synod at fifty cents per copy.

Pastor Endress now made a verbal report, in the name of the committee, appointed the previous year, to confer with a committee of the Reverend Reformed Synod concerning the matter of Franklin College at Lancaster.

Resolved, That one hundred dollars shall be paid out of our treasury towards the support of the College at Lancaster, provided the Reverend Synod of the Reformed does the same.

Further *Resolved*, That a committee on our part be appointed to meet at the next Reformed Synod at Lancaster, with a committee of the same, to prepare a plan for a Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That Pastors Schmucker, Endress, Lochman, Mühlenberg and Ernst shall constitute the committee.

Further *Resolved*, That through Mr. Endress, fifty copies of the transactions of our Synod of this year, shall be presented to the Reverend Reformed Synod, which is to meet the next time at Lancaster.

The session was closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer.

It was resolved, that the Secretary shall have five hundred copies of the transactions of this year's Synod printed, and that each preacher and each congregation shall receive a copy.

The committee which had been appointed to prepare a plan for a General Synod, reported. But it was resolved to postpone the matter until to-morrow.

On the question: Shall traveling preachers be appointed? it was resolved to refer the matter to the Ministerium.

N. B.—This point was also resolved, that the President shall earn-

estly remind the gentlemen who absent themselves altogether too much from the session of the Synod. This was done.

The session was closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 6 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The postponed matter of the General Synod was taken up.

Resolved, To put the matter to a vote. The votes were gathered, and it was found there were forty-two for the General Synod, and eight against the same.

Then upon motion of the committee, it was resolved, that the Plan shall be handed over to Mr. Endress for revision, who shall have six hundred copies of it printed, and shall then transmit them to the President, so that he may send each preacher and each congregation a copy. Further *Resolved*, That Dr. Kurz shall send fifty copies to Mr. Gottlieb Schober, in North Carolina.

Further *Resolved*, That each preacher shall send to the Secretary his name, residence, the names and number of his congregations.

Resolved, That each of our widows shall receive sixteen dollars.

With reference to the request of Mr. Schulz, it was resolved that his wish cannot be granted.

The election of the time and place for the next Synod was held. Lancaster was chosen as the place, and Trinity Sunday as the time.

The President closed the Synodical Meeting with singing and prayer, and dismissed the same with devout benediction.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

The business was begun in the morning.

The candidates handed in their papers through the preachers, to whom they were submitted for examination.

The following applicants were present, namely: Messrs. Gottlieb Jäger, Michael Wachter, Carl Demme, Carl Kraut, [Chas. Phil. Krauth] Jacob Krügler, George Stein, L. H. Meier and Heinrich Kurz.

Committees were appointed to examine the candidates.

The first committee was composed of Messrs. Dr. Schäffer, Lochman, Endress and Mühlenberg. Messrs. Wachter, Kraut, Jäger and Demme were assigned to them. The second committee was composed of Messrs. Rothrauff, Hecht, Ernst and Steck. To them were assigned Messrs. Krügler, Stein, Meier and Kurz. The candidates and applicants now withdrew, and the Ministerium went to work.

No. 1. The matter of Mr. Cramer was first taken up. The Minis-

terium heard the complaints with deep regret, and believed that the same were fully substantiated.

Resolved, That his license shall not be renewed.

The committees appointed to examine the applicants gave to the Ministerium, with several exceptions, a favorable testimonial for them.

Resolved, That Mr. Demme shall receive a candidate's license; Mr. Kraut also, as soon as he receives a call. Also resolved, that Mr. Wachter shall receive a candidate's license on condition that, at his own expense, he journey to Bedford County, in the State of Tennessee, as traveling preacher. Krügler and Stein shall receive a candidate's license. Gottlieb Jäger shall receive a catechist's license in the congregations which have given him a call, under the supervision of Mr. Engel.

With reference to Applicant Kurz, it was resolved that Applicant Kurz be directed to place himself under a suitable instructor, in order to continue his studies, and if, meanwhile, he receive congregations, the officers of the Ministerium shall grant him a catechist's license.

The session was closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with prayer.

Upon motion of Mr. Schober, it was now

Resolved, That the Synod henceforth will receive no foreigner into its connection, except he has resided for three years in the United States, unless he be recommended to us as an ordained preacher on good written evidence from worthy men in Europe.

No. 2. A letter from Berlin, in which the congregation asks for Mr. Krügler as preacher, was read, and their request was granted.

No. 3. A letter from our venerable Senior, Dr. Helmuth, was read, and considered in all its points. *Resolved*, That the President answer the same.

No. 4. Mr. Plitt's letter was read, and his excuse for absence was accepted.

No. 5. The letter of Mr. Carpenter was read and listened to with great attention and much sympathy. The Ministerium regrets that our worthy Mr. Carpenter is also troubled by the English in his congregation, and advises him to act in accord with the majority of his congregation.

No. 6. Mr. Goeseman's letter was read, and the Ministerium advised him to put himself under any suitable pastor of our connection, in order to continue his studies.

No. 7. Mr. Molther's letter was read, and it was

Resolved, That he shall be received by us as a member, in case the President of the York Synod give our President a favorable testimonial in his behalf, that he was a member of their Ministerium, and as a preacher had conducted himself among them in an irreproachable manner.

The preachers to whom the writings of the candidates had been given for examination now reported on them. Their judgment was, for the most part, favorable to the candidates. But it was remarked that several ought to practice orthography more.

Resolved, That the candidates' licenses shall be renewed, with the exception of Mr. Cramer's.

Resolved, That Mr. H. A. Kurz shall receive a candidate's license as soon as he has received a call from a congregation.

Resolved, That Messrs. Osterloh, Meierheffer, Keller, Kurz and Heim, Jr., shall be ordained as deacons to-night in the church, and that, at the same time, the President shall read their duties to the candidates and catechists.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening, according to the resolution, the following gentlemen were ordained deacons by the officers and those assisting, namely, Dr. Schäfer, Dr. Kurz and Pastor Mühlenberg, namely: Mr. Osterloh, Meierheffer, Keller, Kurz and Heim, Jr. As candidates, were licensed, 1. Mr. Wachter; 2. Mr. Kraut; 3. Mr. Krügler; 4. Mr. Stein, and 5. Mr. Demme. Mr. Gottlieb Jäger was licensed as catechist.

FRIDAY, A.M.

Several matters were disposed of.

1. Mr. Osterloh was given permission to visit the congregations which Mr. Repas desires to have visited.

2. Mr. Stein was given permission to accept the congregations at Jonestown, Stumpstown and Wellmers.

3. Mr. Stecher was given permission to preach, on his way home, to the congregations in York County, which Mr. Herbst resigned, and, in case they call him, permission to accept them.

After the business had been completed, a hymn was sung, and the President closed with an earnest prayer. The merciful God and Saviour be thanked devoutly for the assistance of His grace given for the accomplishment of so much business, and for the precious peace which he has maintained among us. May all our doings redound to His honor, and to the great blessing of His church, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Attest:

JOH. CON. JÄGER,
President pro tem.

PLAN FOR A GENERAL SYNOD.

PROPOSED BY THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

1819.

[Partial translation in "Lutheran and Missionary," Nov. 9, 1865; also "Lutheran Church Review," Vol. XI., Art. III., p. 64-67. The present translation is based upon these two, the latter of which is almost complete. The German edition used is that of Henkel.]

A PROPOSED PLAN (PLAN ENTWURF) FOR A CENTRAL UNION (ZU EINER CENTRAL-VERBINDUNG) OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA, BALTIMORE, 1819.

WHEREAS, under the guidance of God, the Evangelical Lutheran Church has spread itself over the greater part of the United States of North America, and the members thereof are earnestly striving to live together in the spirit of love and harmony under one rule of faith, it has been customary heretofore for the ministers, and in most cases also for the lay delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran congregations to meet annually in Synods, or, as others call it, Ministeriums, in order to keep the bond of love and unity, and amicably to settle any differences that might arise. But inasmuch as the number of particular Synods or Ministeriums has increased from time to time, on account of the wide extension of said church, and the continued and increasing operation of the same cause will probably lead to the still further increase of the number of Synods and Ministeriums, and this might in the end be the means of bringing about unnecessary and injurious divisions and departures from the end and object hitherto pursued in common by said church; it appears to be the almost universal wish of the existing Synods or Ministeriums, that a fraternal union of the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in these United States may be effected by means of a central organization.

How such a union and organization might be effected was a principal topic of consideration at the meeting of the Synod of Pennsylvania and the Adjacent States, which was held during Trinity week of the year 1819, at Baltimore, and this so much the more, inasmuch as the Rev.

and highly esteemed Pastor Schober, of the Synod of North Carolina, attended this meeting as a special delegate in reference to this particular subject. The whole subject was placed in the hands of a special committee, with instructions to prepare with the concurrence of Rev. Mr. Schober a plan, which, if found acceptable, might be submitted for adoption to all the other Synods or Ministeriums in the United States.

The committee appointed for this purpose reported the following :

PROPOSED PLAN (PLAN ENTWURF).

1. This central union of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in these United States shall be carried into effect and maintained by an organization to be called THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA.

2. This General Synod shall be composed of delegates from all the Synods now existing in the United States, and of such as may be organized in future, which join this union, in the following ratio of representation, viz.:

Every Synod composed of six ministers may send one; of fourteen, two; of twenty-five, three; of forty, four; of sixty, five; and of eighty-six, six clerical delegates to the General Synod, and for every two clerical one lay delegate. In case, however, a Synod is entitled to only one clerical delegate, such Synod shall also have the right to send with him one lay delegate.

All delegates appearing in the General Synod in accordance with the above ratio shall have equal privileges and equal votes as members of the body. The manner of electing delegates, as well as the mode of meeting their expenses, is left to the discretion of each Synod.

3. The General Synod elects its own officers, whose [term of] office continues until the next General Synod; and fixes the time and place of the next meeting, in such manner, however, that at least one General Synod is held in three years.

4. The General Synod has the exclusive right with the concurrence of a majority of the particular Synods to introduce new books for general use in the public church service as well as to make improvements in the Liturgy; but until this be done the hymn-books or collections of hymns now in use, the Small Catechism of Luther, the Agenda already adopted, and such other books as have been adopted by the existing Synods shall continue in public use at pleasure. But the General Synod has no power to make or demand any change whatever in the doctrines (Glaubens lehren) hitherto received among us.

5. If twenty-five ministers living in close proximity in a fixed district, of whom, however, at least fifteen must be ordained ministers, make

application to the General Synod to be permitted to form a Synod by themselves, and the Synod to which they have hitherto belonged having received formal notice of their intention to make the application, which notice must first be given in every instance, presents no weighty reasons to the contrary, the General Synod has authority to grant their application. And if there should be no separate Synod in an entire State, and six ordained ministers living in it should make application for that purpose, the General Synod shall permit the formation of a new Synod in that State. But until the consent or permission of the General Synod has been formally given to it, no newly-organized body shall be recognized as a Ministerium among us, and no ordination performed by it shall be recognized as valid by us.

6. Those Synods now existing, as well as those formally recognized or organized by the General Synod, shall never be hindered in the appointing and ordaining of ministers at their own discretion within their own bounds. They also retain forever the privilege of establishing rules and regulations with regard to the internal arrangement and control of the affairs of their own districts; provided, however, that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with these fundamental articles of the general organization; and only in cases of appeal can the General Synod have anything to do with such internal rules and regulations of the particular Synods.

7. The General Synod is authorized by and with the approval of a majority of the particular Synods or Ministeriums proper, to fix grades in the ministry which are to be generally recognized. But until this be done, the grades at present established by the particular Ministeriums shall continue as now in force.

8. If by reason of human frailty dissension or division in regard to doctrine or discipline should arise in any Ministerium, such dissensions or divisions shall be brought before the General Synod for decision only when a full third of the members of such Ministerium present appeal to it for that purpose.

9. Every minister who is not satisfied with the decision of his Synod with reference to himself personally, his conduct or his administration of his office, has the right to appeal to the General Synod.

10. Each Synod retains the right of granting to visiting ministers from other Synods voice and vote. But no minister shall have the right to go from one Synod to another as a full member, unless he present a certificate in which the officers of the Synod to which he belonged set forth his grade in office, attest his good character to the best of their knowledge and declare their consent to his transfer.

11. This proposed plan is to be sent to all Evangelical Lutheran

Synods or Ministeriums in these United States as a proposal for a general organization. Those Synods or Ministeriums which adopt the same at least in its spirit and substance, are to notify the President of the Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States as soon as possible. And if it be found that three-fourths of the Synods or Ministeriums aforesaid have adopted it, as already set forth, then he, the President aforesaid, shall make the same known to all the Synods or Ministeriums who have adopted it. At the same time he shall designate the place where and the time when the first General Synod is to be held, and communicate that also to the afore-mentioned Synods or Ministeriums. These then elect their delegates, who in their convention may act as General Synod, and frame a constitution for themselves, as much as possible, however, in agreement with the above-mentioned "Plan-Entwurf."

Note.—Where the word "Synod" is found in the above "Proposed Plan" with the addition "or Ministerium," it stands for Synod or Ministerium according to the name in use by the bodies of which the Proposed Plan actually speaks. But when the word "Ministerium" stands alone, or "Ministeriums" proper are spoken of, this word denotes a body consisting of preachers alone, which might use the right of ordination.

The above Proposed Plan was in substance adopted in the Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States by a large majority of votes, as a proposition for a central union of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of North America.

Attested.

J. GEORG SCHMUCKER,
President.
CONRAD JÄGER,
Secretary.

SEVENTY-THIRD CONVENTION.

1820.

On Trinity Sunday, May 28, 1820, the attending preachers and delegates assembled in the parsonage, in the city of Lancaster, and at 10 A.M., went in procession to the church. Pastor Schmucker, President of the Ministerium, preached on II Cor. 5: 14, at 3 P.M. Pastor Jäger, Secretary of the Ministerium, preached on John 21: 15-17. In the evening Pastor Mühlenberg, Treasurer of the Ministerium and Synod, preached on I Pet. 4: 5.

In the Reformed Church, Pastor Knoske preached in the morning on Rom. 6: 14. In the afternoon Pastor D. F. Schäffer preached on Rom. 7: 24, 25. In the evening Candidate Krusy [Cruse¹] preached in the Moravian Church in the English language on Isa. 57: 15.

FIRST SESSION

MONDAY 9 A.M.

(The reverend preachers and the delegates met in the church, and the session was opened with singing and prayer, conducted by the President).

THE FOLLOWING PREACHERS WERE PRESENT.

I. PASTORS.

- Mr. Daniel Kurz, D.D. . . . Baltimore.
- “ Joh. Conrad Jäger . . . Allentown.
- “ Georg Schmucker . . . Yorktown.
- “ Georg Lochman, D.D. . . Harrisburg.
- “ Wilh. Geisenhainer, Sr. . Vincent (Pikeland).
- “ Christian Endress, D.D., Lancaster.
- “ (Johannes) Rothrauf . . Greencastle.
- “ Heinrich Geisenhainer . Pottsgrove.

[¹ Afterwards successively Assistant Professor in the University of Pennsylvania and Librarian of the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, New York; Translator from the Greek of the *Ecclesiastical History of Eusebius*].

Mr. Heinrich Mühlenberg	Reading.
“ George Gräber	York County.
“ Herbst, Sr.	Manchester.
“ Möller	Chambersburg.
“ Röllner	Alt Goshenhoppen.
“ Knoske	Coatstown (Kutztown).
“ Mensch	Springfield.
“ D. F. Schäffer	Friederichtown.
“ Hecht	Easton.
“ Miller	Falconer Swamp.
“ Ulrich	Tulpehocken.
“ Ernst	Lebanon.
“ Rebenack	Somerset County.

II. DEACONS.

Mr. Rehmann	Abbotstown.
“ Bätis	Warwick, Lancaster County.
“ Engel	Hamburg.
“ Meendsen	Lecha Township.
“ Heim, Sr.	Union County.
“ Münnich	Orwigsburg.
“ Hemping	Lyken's Valley.
“ Schindel	Sunbury.
“ Herbst, Jr.	Gettysburg.
“ Reck	Winchester.
“ Filbert	New Holland.
“ Probst	Forks Township.
“ Döring	Jordan.
“ Strein	Columbia.
“ Scriba	Strasburg, Franklin County.
“ Meyerhöfer	Madison County (Va.)
“ Keller	Carlisle.
“ B. Kurz	Hagerstown.
“ Heim, Jr.	Mifflin County.
“ Osterlo	Huntingdon County.

III. CANDIDATES.

Mr. Schnee	Middletown.
“ Kruse	Philadelphia.
“ Rebas	Centreville.
“ Heyer	Cumberland, Maryland.

Mr. Stecker	York County.
“ Köhler	(Middletown, Maryland).
“ Trumbauer	Leacock, Lancaster County.
“ Haal	Newville.
“ Kessler	Bloomsburg.
“ Jäger	Philadelphia.
“ Schmick	Sinking Valley, Huntingdon Co.
“ Geisenhainer, Jr.	Vincent (Pikeland).
“ Miller	Neustore.
“ Germann	Womelsdorf.
“ Schulze	Johnstown, Cambria County.
“ Gräber	Westminster (Maryland).
“ Demme	Hummelstown.
“ Kraut [Krauth]	Martinsburg, Va.
“ Wachter	Traveling Preacher.
“ Krügler	Berlin, Somerset County.
“ Stein	Jonestown.
“ H. A. Kurz	Beardstown, Nelson Co., Kentucky.

IV. CATECHISTS.

Mr. Gottlieb Jäger . .	Jacksonville, Berks (Lecha) County.
“ Heinrich Kurz . .	Plainfield.

The absent preachers, some of whom presented excuses, and others, not, were :

Rev. J. H. Ch. Helmuth, D.D., Senior of the Ministerium. ¹	
“ F. D. Schäfer, D.D. ¹	Mr. Haas. ²
Mr. Carpenter. ²	“ Riemenschneider, ¹
“ Henkel. ²	“ Becker. ¹
“ Grab. ²	“ Sackmann. ¹
“ Plitt. ¹	“ Stock. ¹
“ Melsheimer. ²	“ Wartmann. ¹
“ Vanhoff. ¹	“ Rupert. ¹
“ Ilgen. ¹	“ Kessler, Sr. ¹
“ Flohr. ¹	“ Weyand. ¹

Mr. Walz.¹

The following delegates presented credentials (and were given a seat and a vote):

Mr. Peter Lichtenwalter	Allentown.
“ Joh. Hew	Yorktown.

¹ With excuse.

² Without excuse.

Mr. Ch. Kunkel	Harrisburg.
“ Wilhelm Henzeland } . . . {	Lancaster,
“ George König } . . . {	with but one vote.
“ Benjamin Rener	Pikeland.
“ Samuel Clark	Greencastle.
“ Johannes Becker	York County.
“ Peter Stichter	Reading.
“ Ch. Gerber	Manchester.
“ Michael Hubly	Chambersburg.
“ Jacob Hill	Kutztown.
“ Peter Raub	Springfield.
“ Joh. Fessler	Friedrichstown.
“ Joh. Trumbauer	Falckner Schwamm.
“ Andreas Graf	Tulpehocken.
“ Joh. Endress	Lebanon.
“ Wilhelm Trostel	Abbotstown.
“ Jacob Galentin	Warwick.
“ Joh. Bentemann	Hamburg.
“ J. W. Schmidt	Sunbury.
“ Michael (Wilhelm) Strein	Gettysburg.
“ Friedrich Seger (Säger)	New Holland.
“ Joseph Emmerich	Forks Township.
“ Friedrich Bauer	Elizabethtown.
“ Ephraim Frey (Fräy)	Madison County.
“ Jacob Wörmly	Carlisle.
“ Conrad Hildebrand	Hagerstown.
“ George Stüber	Mechanicsburg.
“ Joh. Bieber	Penn's Valley.
“ George Kleinfelder	York County,
“ Adam Reuzahn	Middletown.
“ Joh. Bart	Leacock.
“ Peter Blaser	Newville.
“ Joseph Brötzmann	Bloomsburg.
“ Jonathan Küster	Newstore.
“ Jacob Biel	Westminster.
“ Nikolaus Allemann (Altemann)	Hummelstown.
“ Joh. Matter	Scheppertstown.
“ Philip Gerbering	Jonestown.
“ Joh. Stein	Berks County.
“ Heinrich Lehr	Plainfield.

Accordingly the Synod was, at this time, composed of 107 members.

The Rev. Mr. Wackerhagen, Secretary of the venerable Lutheran Synod of the State of New York, presented his credentials as a delegate of the said Synod, and was given a seat and vote in our midst.

The Rev. Mr. Schaffner, delegate of the reverend Reformed Synod, took his seat as an advisory member.

After all had taken their regular seats, the election of officers was held.

Pastor Schmucker was again elected President.

Pastor Jäger was again elected Secretary.

Pastor Mühlenberg was again elected Treasurer.

The communications were called in by the President, numbered and divided among six committees to examine the contents of the same, and to report on them at the proper time.

On the first committee were appointed: Dr. Kurz, Pastor Geisenhainer, Sr., Deacon Bätis and Candidate Kruse, as preachers, and Messrs. Lichtenwalter and Heu [Hay] as delegates.

On the second committee were appointed: Doctor Lochman, Pastor Miller, Deacon Engel and Candidate Heyer, as preachers, and Messrs. Kunkel and König, as delegates.

On the third committee were appointed: Pastors Rothrauf and Ernst, Deacon Meendsen and Candidate Stecher, as preachers, and Messrs. Reuer and Michael Hubly, as delegates.

On the fourth committee were appointed: Pastors Möller and Rölller, Deacon Hemping and Candidate Jäger, as preachers, and Messrs. Stichter and Fessler, as delegates.¹

On the fifth committee were appointed: Pastor Knoske, Deacons Schindel and Reck, as preachers, and Messrs. Seger and Stein, as delegates.

On the sixth committee were appointed: Pastors D. F. Schäfer and Ulrich, Deacons Herbst and Filbert, as preachers, and Messrs. Bente-mann and Matter, as delegates.

The session was closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

MONDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

Pastor Möller moved that the next Synod be held at Chambersburg.

Resolved, To leave the matter until the impending election.

¹ This was omitted at its proper place, and inserted under the report of the first committee.

The first committee reported on the communications submitted to it:
No. 1. Mr. Sackman's excuse for absence and a list of his baptized, etc.
Resolved, To accept his excuse.

No. 2. Mr. Weyand's excuse for absence and the information that he has transmitted his sermon, diary, the list of his baptized, etc., as well as his license for renewal; but the committee did not find the said papers with his letter of excuse.

Resolved, to accept his excuse.

No. 3. The excuse of the Rev. Dr. Helmuth, Senior of the Ministerium, for his absence (who also wishes for the Synod all divine blessings). Also a similar excuse (and wish) from Dr. Schäfer. *Resolved*, To accept his excuse. The rest of his letter, in the opinion of the committee, belongs to the Ministerium.

No. 4. A letter of Mr. Ilgen, in which he makes excuse for his absence and transmits the list of his baptized, etc. He states that through his sons he has handed to Mr. Schindel the following sums of money for the Synodical Treasury, namely: \$8.21 for the year 1819 and \$11.10 for the year 1820. He also asks for a copy of certain documents in our Archives concerning Ferdinand Cramer.

Resolved, That as (according to our Constitution), each member of our Synod, in case of necessity, has free access to the Archives, he is also free, if it is necessary, to make copies of said documents.

No. 5. A letter from Mr. Stock, in which he asks for aid in his needy circumstances.

Resolved, to refer the matter to the Ministerium.

Also an excuse for absence from Mr. Walz, and a request for a license.

Resolved, to refer the matter to the Ministerium.

No. 6. A letter from a number of the members of the congregation in Augusta County, Virginia, in which they pray that permission might be given to Mr. Meyerhöffer to administer the Holy Communion to them.

Resolved, To postpone the matter until the report of the fourth committee.

No. 7. A letter from Frey's and Stehles' congregations, in York County, in which they ask that the Synod may make provision so that their congregations might again be supplied with a pastor.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed carefully to consider the letters from Frey's and Stehls' congregations in York County.

Resolved, That the committee shall consist of Pastors Geisenhainer and Mensch and Deacon B. Kurz as preachers, and Messrs. Henzel and Bentemann as delegates.

Also a report of a Special Meeting which was held in Friedrichtown, Maryland. In it a (special) request is made for permission to organize a new Synod on the west side of the Susquehanna.

Resolved, That the matter be postponed until the matter of the General Synod will come up.

The second committee reports the following concerning the communications submitted to it :

No. 8. The accounts of Messrs. Schaefer and Maund, in Baltimore, concerning the printing of the Liturgy and of the "Plan-Entwurf," according to which we owe them \$10.90. But it is well to notice in this connection that they still have on hand 976 copies of the Liturgy for sale for the Synod, which, according to their account, are valued at \$390.40.

Resolved, That their account be approved.

No. 9. A letter from Rev. Mr. Jacob Reily (Reformed preacher), in which he states that he has sent to the Lutheran Synod fifty copies of the proceedings of the Reverend Reformed Synod of last year.

No. 10. A letter from Pastor Plitt, in which he excuses his absence and asks for a copy of the Agenda and raises the question : Whether the names of the absent members, together with their excuses, should not be entered upon the Protocol ?

Resolved, That his excuse be accepted and a copy of the Agenda be sent to him.

No. 11. A letter from Pastor Flohr, of Virginia, in which he gives an excuse for his absence, and sends a list of his baptized, etc.

Resolved, That his excuse be accepted.

No. 12. A letter from the Scherrer's congregation, near Strasburg, which states that it dismissed and paid its pastor, Mr. Scriba, nearly two years ago, and desires and requests that the Synod permit Mr. Haal to accept their congregation.

Resolved, That the matter be postponed until the report of the sixth committee.

13. A letter from the Rev. Dr. Quittmann, of the State of New York. It is the opinion of the committee that the letter should be read.

Resolved, That the reading of the same be postponed until the matter of the General Synod comes up.

No. 14. A letter from Rev. Mr. Stauch, in which he reports concerning the proceedings of their Synod, especially with reference to the General Synod.

It is the opinion of the committee that this letter should also be read.

Resolved, That the reading be postponed.

No. 15. A letter from Rev. Mr. Schöber, from North Carolina, in

which he reports that the majority of the members of their Synod have adopted the so-called "Plan-Entwurf," and expresses the desire that the formation of the General Synod might be accomplished.

Resolved, That the reading of his letter also be postponed until the matter of the General Synod comes up.

In this session the three following resolutions were also adopted :

First: *Resolved*, That fifty copies of the proceedings of this year's Synod be sent to the Reverend Reformed Synod.

Second, that a committee be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and report to the Synod. Deacon Probst and Delegates Heu and Kunkel were appointed as the committee.

Third: *Resolved*, That the Synod meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

The session was closed with a hymn and prayer.

This evening Rev. Mr. Wackerhagen, Secretary of the Reverend Synod of New York, preached on II Cor. 3: 4-11.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, 8 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The third committee reported on the communications submitted to it.

No. 16. A second letter from Rev. Mr. Stauch, in which he makes known that some members of the Ohio Synod are unwilling to accept the (so-called) "Plan-Entwurf" for a General Synod.

Resolved, That it be postponed until the matter of the General Synod be taken up.

No. 17. A letter from Mr. Riemenschneider, in which he presents an excuse for his absence and asks for a copy of the Agenda and several copies of the proceedings of last year's Synod.

Resolved, That his excuse be accepted and the copies asked for be sent to him.

Also an excuse from Mr. Flohr on account of his absence of last year and this year. *Resolved*, That his excuse be accepted.

No. 18. The proceedings of the Ohio Synod of the year 1819.

Resolved, That for want of time, the whole of the proceedings cannot be read.

No. 19. A printed paper, in which certain members of the Ohio

Synod express their doubts and give their reasons why they are unwilling to accept the "Plan-Entwurf."

Resolved That this communication cannot be taken into consideration, because it was sent in without any signatures.

No. 20. Several letters from the congregations in Somerset County, in which they express their satisfaction with Mr. Krügler and also the desire to retain him as their preacher.

Resolved, That the Synod is pleased to hear this report.

No. 21. A petition from Berlin and Warrington congregations, asking for the services of Mr. Speck, student of theology, as their preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Speck shall become their preacher, provided he pass the examination.

No. 22. A report concerning the reasons for the dissatisfaction existing between the Lutherans and Reformed in and about Greencastle. The document is signed by four congregations, in which they complain of the unbecoming conduct of some of the Reformed, and earnestly request the Synod to decide whether in certain points concerning church discipline and the teachings of the New Testament, their pastor, Mr. Rothrauf, has done right or wrong, in accordance with or contrary to them. They ask for a written answer. It is the opinion of the committee that the letter should be read before the whole Synod.

Resolved, That the whole matter be put into the hands of a committee.

Resolved, That the committee shall consist of three pastors and two delegates.

Resolved, That Drs. Kurz and Lehman and Pastor Schäfer (as preachers) and Messrs. Stichter and Kunkel as delegates shall constitute this committee.

During this session the Rev. Mr. Hendel, delegate from the Reverend Reformed Synod, took his seat as an advisory member.

After the postponed letters of Messrs. Stauch, Quittman and Schöber, all of which have reference to the General Synod, had been read, and much had been said for and against the General Synod, the following resolutions were finally adopted :

(1st.) *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Synod that a General Synod should be organized in accordance with the spirit of the "Plan-Entwurf," but upon this additional provision that the Constitution proposed in the 11th section of the same, be submitted to the different Synods for adoption, amendment or entire rejection.

(2nd.) *Resolved*, That delegates be elected who, together with the delegates of the other Synods that desire a General Synod, shall formulate a Constitution.

(3rd.) *Resolved*, That when three-fourths of the existing Synods (in-

cluding this Synod) accept the Constitution, it shall be considered as binding.

As to the request of certain preachers to organize a Synod on the west side of the Susquehanna, it was now resolved that this Synod will make no objection whatever if a new Synod be organized on the west side of the Susquehanna.¹ [Maryland and West Virginia].

The session was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, 3 P. M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reported as follows :

That they have found the same correct, and that, including \$8 of unpassable money, a balance of \$448.28 is found in the Treasury to the credit of the Synod. Done (at Lancaster) May 30, 1820.

The fourth committee reported as follows concerning the communications submitted to it :

No. 23. A letter from Rev. Mr. Vonhof, in which he excuses his absence because of an accident which recently befell him, and transmits a list of his baptized, etc.

Resolved, That his excuse be accepted.

No. 24. A letter from the congregations in McConnelsville, asking that the Synod might confirm Mr. Schulze as their preacher.

Resolved, That the matter be given into the hands of a committee, and that the same shall consist of the preachers, Messrs. Knoske, Mensch and Röller, and of the delegates, Trostel, Galentin and Endress.

No. 25. A letter from the Somerset and neighboring congregations, in which they complain that Mr. Krügler, and a company of members of the congregations in Somerset and Stoystown, had made propositions in the above-named congregations for the organization of a new congregation, in consequence of which the said congregations are afraid that they will suffer great damage, with the additional request that the Synod might disapprove of the said project, and, if possible, prevent it.

Resolved, That the said congregations be earnestly advised by the Synod not to separate themselves from one another.

¹Corrected in Protocol of 1821. See page 572.

No. 26. An extensive paper from Mr. Riemenschneider which, among many other matters, contains a request that the Synod should forbid Mr. Meierhöfer to preach and to administer the Holy Communion in the so-called Salem's Church.

Resolved, That permission be given Mr. Meierhöfer to administer the Holy Communion in said congregation. (See No. 6, first committee.)

No. 27. A recommendation from the congregation in Jungmanstown for their preacher, Mr. Heim, and an excuse for not sending a delegate or a contribution to the Synodical treasury this year.

Resolved, That the Synod heartily rejoices over the first part. The second point, however, occasioned a very sharp and extensive discussion. Finally it was resolved that no further action be taken in the matter of Mr. Heim, of Jungmanstown, concerning the neglect to contribute to the Synodical treasury.

No. 28. A letter from several congregations in Schuylkill County, in which they express their great satisfaction with their present pastor, Mr. Münnich; but also make a bitter complaint against a man by the name of Johann Heinrich Becky, who professes to be a minister, and is making efforts to gather a congregation, causing much disturbance in the congregations. They ask the Synod for assistance in checking this trouble as much as possible.

Resolved, That it be announced through our Protocol that the men, Mr. Johann Heinrich Becky and his brother, Peter Becky, are not members of our Synod, and that the Synod does not consider them fit to exercise the office of the Holy Ministry.

No. 29. A letter from the congregations of Mr. Hemping, in which they recommend their preacher very highly, and excuse themselves for not having sent a delegate this year.

Resolved, That their excuse be accepted.

No. 30. A letter from the congregation in Winchester, in which they give their preacher, Mr. Reck, a favorable testimonial, and excuse themselves for not having sent a delegate.

Resolved, That their excuse be accepted.

No. 31. A letter from the congregations of Mr. Wilhelm Heim, in Mifflin County, in which they excuse themselves for not having sent a delegate this year, and make known that they have sent \$7.67 into the Synodical treasury.

Resolved, That the Synod accept their excuse, and expresses its pleasure because of their contribution to the treasury.

The fifth committee reports as follows concerning the documents submitted to it:

No. 32. A call from Nescopeck and neighboring congregations in Centre County for a preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Rebenack be permitted to accept the call.

No. 33. Several English and German letters from Nelson and Jefferson County, in the State of Kentucky, in which application is made for the loan of a sum of money for the purchase of a plantation for a preacher's residence, and for a collection in our congregations to cover the expenses for building a new church in the same region.

Resolved, That this Synod is disposed to send a traveling preacher into this region at its own expense.

No. 34. A call from Macungie and the congregations belonging thereto, for Mr. Germann.

Resolved, That the Synod is fully satisfied if Mr. Germann accepts the said call.

No. 35. A letter from the congregation in Martinsburg, Virginia, in which the congregation cordially thanks the Synod that it sent them Mr. Kraut as its pastor, and expresses its entire satisfaction with him.

Resolved, That the Synod heartily rejoices over the favorable reception of Mr. Kraut by those congregations.

No. 36. A letter from the congregations in Hummelstown and Maxe Church, in which the congregations thank the Synod that it sent them Mr. Demme as their pastor, and signify their entire satisfaction with him.

Resolved, That the Synod likewise rejoices over the favorable reception of Mr. Demme in those congregations.

The election of delegates to the General Synod was now held. Six preachers and three delegates from congregations were elected.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn, to meet again to-morrow at 8 o'clock.

The session was closed with singing and prayer.

This evening Mr. Samuel Schmucker, student of theology, preached in the English language on Jer. 9: 23, 24.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 8 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The election of delegates to the General Synod was now completed. The following preachers and delegates (from the congregations) were elected by a majority of votes :

PREACHERS.	DELEGATES.
Dr. Kurtz,	Mr. Kunkel,
“ Lochmann,	“ Stichter,
“ Endress,	“ Henzel.
Pastor Geisenhainer, Sr.,	
“ Schmucker,	
“ Mühlenberg.	

(Action was also taken with regard to the time of meeting)

Resolved, That the General Synod shall be held on the fourth Sunday of October next, at Hagerstown, Maryland.

Resolved, That if any of the elected delegates cannot be present, he shall have the right to appoint and send some one else.

The committee which was appointed to investigate the condition of the congregations at Greencastle and the neighboring congregations reported, that it is the desire of those congregations that the Ministerium should give a written decision and answer concerning the following questions: “Whether it accords with the teaching of the New Testament, with church discipline, and with Christian love, that immoral men and such as live in open sin be called to account and admonished to better their lives before the Holy Sacraments be administered to them? And whether their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Rothrauf, does wrong in that he insists upon this in his congregation?” The committee declares that it is the duty of the Evangelical pastor to admonish the wicked of every sort to repent and better their lives, before he administer to them the Holy Sacraments, and that the Rev. Mr. Rothrauf is certainly right when he does this in his congregation. This declaration, however, is made without regard to the troubles that exist in the above-mentioned congregations.

Resolved, That the report of the committee be accepted.

Resolved, That the reverend Reformed Synod be requested to appoint a committee, which, in connection with a committee appointed by this Synod, shall carefully investigate the controversy between Mr. Rothrauf and his opponent.

Resolved, That the petition of the congregation at McConnelsville be granted, and permission be given Mr. Schulze to accept the congregation.

The committee which was appointed to consider the circumstances of the Stehle’s and Frey’s congregations, in York County, report as follows: “We have the honor to report to the Synod that we have read the letters of the said congregations and carefully considered their contents. We move that the reverend Synod advise Mr. Stecher to serve said congregations, provided they furnish him regular support.”

Resolved, That the report of the committee be accepted.

The sixth committee finally reported concerning the documents submitted to it, as follows:

No. 37. A call from several congregations in Franklin County for Mr. Haal. The congregations desire that the Synod might confirm him as their pastor.

Resolved, That Synod give permission to Mr. Haal to accept the congregations of Strasburg and Schener's in Franklin County.

No. 38. A letter from the congregations of Mr. Gottlieb Jäger, in which they give him a favorable testimonial with reference to his doctrine and life, and ask for his promotion in office.

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 39. A call from the congregations of Briar Creek, Mifflinsburg, Catawissa and Keller's school-house, for Mr. Kessler.

Resolved, That permission be given Mr. Kessler to accept said congregations.

No. 40. A favorable testimonial for Mr. (Heinrich) Kurz, from the congregations of Plainfield, etc. They also desire his promotion in office.

Resolved, That this matter (likewise) be referred to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 41. A letter from several congregations which before now were served by the deceased Walter, in which they ask for a young man by the name of Jacob Schmidt, a student of theology, to serve their congregations as a catechist under the supervision of Mr. Schindel.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to carefully investigate the condition of the congregations of the deceased Walter, and the congregations in that neighborhood, and to report to the Synod.

Resolved, That the committee shall consist of the preachers, Dr. Endress, Geisenhainer and Rothrauf, and of the delegates Brotzmann and Bieber.

No. 42. A favorable testimonial for Mr. Heyer, from his congregations in Cumberland, Allegheny County, Maryland.

Resolved, That the Synod heartily rejoices at the favorable testimonial (for Mr. Heyer).

Here it was also resolved, that Dr. Endress shall prepare for the Synod the books ordered at Baltimore.

Resolved, That Messrs. D. F. Schäffer and Geisenhainer, Sr., be our delegates to the next meeting of the Synod of New York, because they have offered to go at their own expense.

Resolved, That here the lists of baptized, etc., be handed in.

The session was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

After the report of the committee concerning No. 41, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Schindel be permitted to accept Selinsgrove and Rauen's church.

Resolved, That the letter concerning Mr. Schmidt be referred to the Ministerium.

Resolved, That Mr. Heim be permitted to accept the Langstown congregation.

The President now made a verbal report to the Synod of the committee appointed to prepare and have printed, in connection with a committee of the Reverend Reformed Synod, a plan for a common seminary; the committee met last September at Lancaster.

From his report it appeared that the members of our committee had not all attended; that the joint committee actually did prepare a plan;¹ that the provision for the printing of the same had been left to Doctor Endress and Pastor Hofmeier, but that the printing of the same had been neglected altogether, which the Synod greatly lamented.

Dr. Endress arose and made a long speech defending himself. He presented to the Synod several local matters and certain misunderstandings, which had caused the neglect of the printing of the plan on his part.

On the other hand it was maintained that the reasons given by him were not sufficient entirely to excuse him.

Candidate Schnee arose and gave the Synod a report of an institution in Middletown, Pennsylvania, known under the name of the "Freyische Waisenhaus." He held out to the Synod the pleasing prospect that under the guidance of God, the same might be built up in the future, perhaps, as a Theological Seminary for the Lutheran Church in this country.

Dr. Lochman arose and made an earnest appeal to the Synod for the founding of a Theological Seminary, and for the support of the College at Lancaster.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed which shall engage with the Trustees of the Frey Institution, in a careful examination and inquiry concerning the Frey Institution at Middletown, between this and the next Synod.

Resolved, That the committee shall be composed of Doctor Endress, Doctor Lochman, Pastors Schmucker, Mühlenberg and Ernst.

[¹ Plan in full in handwriting of S. S. Schmucker in Archives].

Resolved, That these gentlemen shall themselves appoint a time for meeting.

Resolved, That the money be gathered into the Synodical Treasury, and after this had been done, it was found that \$564.23 had been taken in.

Resolved, That the names of the preachers shall be printed in the Minutes and also the respective sums which they either themselves or through their delegates have contributed to the Synodical Treasury.

(On motion) it was now

Resolved, That the Synod request the Ministerium to insist more strictly upon the observance of its regulations.

The session was closed with singing and prayer.

This evening Doctor Lochman preached on Jude 3.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 6 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to attend the reverend Reformed Synod which soon meets in Hagerstown.

Resolved, That the preachers, D. F. Schäffer and B. Kurz, shall constitute the committee.

Resolved, That Messrs. D. F. Schäffer and Möller shall also be a committee, in connection with a committee of the Reformed Synod carefully to investigate the matter of Mr. Rothrauf and his opponent, on the 28th of next September at Hagerstown, and to report to our Synod next year.

Resolved, That the Secretary shall have five hundred copies of the proceedings of this year's Synod printed, and that the expenses of the same shall be paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

Resolved, That each of our preachers' widows shall receive fifteen dollars this year.

The election for time and place of the next Synodical Meeting was held. Chambersburg was chosen as the place and Trinity Sunday as the time.

After the business had been finished, a hymn was sung. Thereupon the whole Synod bowed in the presence of our Lord and Master. The President offered an earnest prayer, and dismissed the meeting with wishes for every blessing.

This time, the preachers, in addition to the number of their baptized, confirmed, communicants, buried and schools, gave in the names and

number of their congregations. But since the names of their congregations are to be entered in a special book provided by the Synod, only the number of their congregations follows here in connection with those items.

N. B.—The preachers who have nothing after their names have neglected to send in their report.

	Con- grega- tions.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
1. Dr. Helmuth	1	251	41	753	123	5
2. " Schäfer						
3. " Kurtz	1	103	23	280	76	1
4. Pastor Carpenter	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. " Henkel	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. " Jäger	4	139	89	578	35	12
7. Dr. Lochman	3	187	85	481	52	3
8. Pastor Schmucker	3	173	100	483	53	5
9. Dr. Endress	1	151	70	363	35	1
10. Pastor Rothrauf	4	66	19	347	8	1
11. " Grob	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. " Gräber	4	66	61	262	19	2
13. " Mühlenberg	4	170	101	610	23	4
14. " Geisenhainer, Sr., and (his) Son	3	57	25	210	17	3
15. " H. Geisenhainer						
16. " Herbst, Sr.	4	180	83	353	25	2
17. " Möller	4	196	93	408	29	1
18. " Röllner	5	167	94	443	29	3
19. " Knoske	7	203	126	1103	58	6
20. " Mensch	5	122	20	293	34	—
21. " Haas	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. " D. F. Schäfer	1	198	50	491	27	1
23. " Melzheimer	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. " Hecht	2	105	56	299	14	1
25. " Miller	3	119	93	696	26	3
26. " Ulrich	6	125	106	1110	38	6
27. " Vanhoff	—	56	—	46	6	—
28. " Ernst	5	136	77	671	33	4
29. " Ilgen	—	122	16	487	12	—
30. " Rebenack	3	51	14	130	17	4
31. " Flohr	—	76	—	142	8	2

DEACONS.

		Con- grega- tions.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
32.	Mr. Rehmann	3	45	20	165	4	3
33.	" Bätis	5	165	98	586	27	6
34.	" Engel	7	82	95	476	20	7
35.	" Meendsen	6	185	69	780	24	6
36.	" Heim, Sr.	7	217	72	435	40	9
37.	" Münnich	6	152	20	551	32	7
38.	" Hemping	9	245	65	799	25	—
39.	" Schindel	8	280	183	1685	44	8
40.	" Herbst, Jr.	5	66	44	414	10	4
41.	" Reck	6	106	36	560	7	1
42.	" Filbert	6	112	75	562	20	3
43.	" Probst	4	234	72	847	19	4
44.	" Döring and	8	148	97	1202	49	8
45.	" Wartmann						
46.	" Strein	5	130	76	293	23	4
47.	" Rupert	—	—	—	—	—	—
48.	" Scriba	3	23	13	45	11	—
49.	" Meyerhöfer	1	185	—	295	12	2
50.	" Keller	4	142	74	549	24	3
51.	" B. Kurz	5(4)	219	174	956	29	3
52.	" Heim, Jr.	7	222	88	566	15	8
53.	" Osterloh	5	86	32	136	4	1
54.	" Riemenschneider	—	—	—	—	—	—
55.	" Becker	—	—	—	—	—	—
56.	" Kessler, Sr.	4	54	34	134	6	—
57.	" Stock	—	—	—	—	—	—

CANDIDATES.

58.	Mr. Schnee	—	—	—	—	—	—
59.	" Krusy (Kruse)	1	8	12	47	—	—
60.	" Weiland	—	—	—	—	—	—
61.	" Rebas	8	152	66	317	20	5
62.	" Heyer	8	81	87	530	8	2
63.	" Stecher	—	—	—	—	—	—
64.	" Köhler	4	60	37	86	19	—
65.	" Trumbauer	2	55	—	59	2	—
66.	" Haal	5	133	62	453	8	2
67.	" Kessler, Jr.	6	227	93	577	25	—
68.	" Jäger	1	8	—	35	—	—

	Con- grega- tions.	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed	Com- muni- cants.	De- ceased.	Schools.
69. Mr. Schmick	4	74	—	320	2	3
70. " Geisenhainer, under his father's name. . . . }	—	—	—	—	—	—
71. " Germann	5	129	47	259	8	5
72. " Miller	3	165	16	716	28	5
73. " Walz	—	—	—	—	—	—
74. " Gräber	5	70	38	525	9	7
75. " Demme	2	106	52	261	15	4
76. " Kraut	3	28	21	128	7	—
77. " Wachter, was traveling preacher. }	—	—	—	—	—	—
78. " Krügler	5	174	165	624	10	3
79. " Stein	4	101	16	335	23	3
80. " H. A. Kurz	4	53	62	145	—	—
81. " Gottlieb Jäger	4	46	10	—	10	3
82. " H. Kurz	4	—	—	—	16	4
83. " Schulze	5	103	32	90	12	2
84. " Sackmann	—	71	35	112	11	—

[Gottlieb Jäger and H. Kurz stand last in the printed minutes as catechists.]

Here follow the names of the preachers who in their own person or through their delegates paid money into the Synodical Treasury :

Dr. Kurz	\$10.00	Mr. Becker	10.00
Pastor Jäger	14.00	" Probst	12.00
Mr. Schmucker	45.12	" B. Kurz	5.00
Dr. Lochmann	24.00	" Strein	9.22
Pastor Wilhelm Geisen- hainer	6.00	" Scriba	2.00
Dr. Endress	20.00	" Keller	28.00
Pastor Rothrauf	5.00	" Kessler, Sr.	18.12
Mr. Mühlenberg	10.00	" Krusy	4.00
" Gräber	12.25	" Meyerhöfer	5.00
" Herbst, Sr.	5.00	" Rebas	8.75
" Möller	24.34	" Heyer	5.00
" Rölller	4.00	" Trumbauer	5.25
" Knoske	5.00	" Kessler, Jr.	7.00
" Hecht	8.00	" Stein	5.00
" Mensch	4.00	" Miller	5.00
" D. F. Schäfer	5.00	" Haal	8.00
		" Schmick	2.00

Mr. Miller	7.00	Mr. Schulze	0.63
" Ulrich	8.00	" H. Gräber	6.00
" Rebenack	3.00	" Demme	8.20
" Rehmann	12.37½	" Kraut	5.00
" Bütis	21.07	" Krügler	15.76
" Engel	4.00	" Döring and } . . .	16.48
" Meendsen	10 98	" Wartman } . . .	
" Heim, Sr.	6.00	" Gottlieb Jäger . . .	3.00
" Reck	5.00	" Köhler	5.00
" Schindel	8.00	" H[einrich] Kurz . .	7.29
" Hemping	7.50	" Germann	8.00
" Ilgen	19.31	" Ernst	12.00
" Herbst, Jr.	15.00	" H. Geisenhainer . .	5.00
" Heim, Jr.	8.00		

The whole sum amounted to \$564.23.

The names of the preachers who paid nothing into the Synodical Treasury this year :

Dr. Helmuth, Sr.	Mr. Filbert.
" Schäfer.	" Rupert.
Pastor Carpenter.	" Osterloh.
" Henkel.	" Schnee.
" Grob.	" Weiland.
" H. Geisenhainer.	" Stecher.
" Haas.	" Jager (Philadelphia).
" Melzheimer.	" Geisenhainer, Jr.
" Vonhof.	" Walz.
Mr. Riemenschneider.	" Wachter.
" Sackmann.	" H. A. Kurz.
" Munich.	" Flohr.
" Stock.	

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The following applicants were present and requested to be received :
Samuel Schmucker, Johannes Speck, Carl Strein and Jacob Albert.

Two committees were appointed to examine the applicants.

The first committee was composed of Doctor Lochmann and Doctor Endress. Mr. Samuel Schmucker was assigned to them.

The second committee was composed of Doctor Kurz and Pastors Geisenhainer, Mühlenberg and Ernst. Messrs. Speck, Strein and Albert were assigned to them.

The Ministerium now took up the following matters referred to it :

1. The request of Mr. Stock for assistance.

Resolved, That no notice shall be taken of his request.

2. The request of Mr. Walz for a new license.

Resolved, That a new license shall be given to him.

A committee was appointed to examine the two catechists, Jäger and Kurz.

Messrs. Knoske, Rothrauf, Ulrich and Miller were the committee.

A very important question was now put, namely :

Whether it is right and whether it can be allowed, that candidates prepare young persons for the ministry, except in the necessary preliminary knowledge? The question was unanimously answered, "No."

Resolved, That it is highly necessary to send traveling preachers to Kentucky and Tennessee this year.

Resolved, That Messrs. Heyer and Wachter shall be the traveling preachers for that region.

Resolved, That \$12 shall be given Mr. Heyer, out of the Synodical Treasury, in order to purchase 1000 copies of little books (known as "Tracts"), to take the same along on his missionary travels. He shall buy 500 of them in the German and 500 in the English language.

Resolved, That if the circumstances of Mr. Reck permit it, he also shall be a traveling preacher this year.

Resolved, That Dr. Lochmann, Pastors Schmucker and Geisenhainer, Sr., shall constitute a committee to prepare the testimonials (creditiv) and instructions for the traveling preachers in the English and German languages.

Resolved, That the traveling preachers shall travel this year, at least three months, and that the Synod is willing to allow them \$40 per month.

Resolved, That the following deacons be advanced to the grade of pastors at this meeting, and be publicly declared as pastors :

1. Mr. Bätis.

2. " Engel.

3. " Meendsen.

4. " Becker.

5. " Hemping.

6. " Schindel.

7. " Herbst, Jr.

8. Mr. Reck.

9. " Filbert.

10. " Probst.

11. " Döring.

12. " Wartmann.

13. " Strein.

Resolved, That the following candidates be ordained deacons :

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| 1. Mr. Krusy, | 4. Mr. Stecher, |
| 2. " Rebas, | 5. " Geisenhainer, Jr., |
| 3. " Heyer, | 6. " Miller, Jr. |

It had always been customary to hold an examination before ordination, but because of a lack of time, and other urgent business, it was omitted at this time.

The session was closed with prayer.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

At the request of the congregation at Zion's church, in Berks County, to have Mr. Münnich as preacher, it was now

Resolved, That Mr. Münnich be permitted to serve the same.

The committee which had been appointed to examine Mr. Samuel Schmucker, reported that they were entirely satisfied with his examination, and that they have no hesitation in proposing him as a candidate.

Resolved, That a candidate's license shall be given to Mr. Samuel Schmucker.

The committee appointed to examine the two catechists, Jäger and Kurtz, reported that they had found the same competent to fill the office of candidate.

Resolved, That a candidate's license shall be given to both catechists Jäger and Kurtz.

The committee appointed to examine Messrs. Speck, Strein and Albert, reported that they found them satisfactory, and that a candidate's license could be given to them without hesitation.

Resolved, That candidates' licenses be given to them, as soon as they receive congregations.

The preachers to whom the sermons and diaries of the candidates had been submitted to examine and pass judgment on the same, reported that :

1. Mr. Weiand's diary was good, but his Themata were not correct.
2. Stein's diary and sermons were good.
3. Rebas' and Heyer's sermons, very good.
4. Stecher's sermon and diary, good.
5. Catechist Jäger's diary, good.
6. Köhler's sermon, good, but his diary was kept indifferently.

7. Candidate Jäger's sermon, good.
8. Haal's sermon and diary, good.
9. Kessler's sermon and diary, good.
10. Schmick's sermon and diary, pretty good.
11. Geisenhainer's sermon, good, but too long, and his diary, good.
12. Kraut's sermon, sound in doctrine.
13. Miller's sermon, good in doctrine; the diary is also good.
14. Schulze's sermon and diary, good.
15. Demme's sermon and diary, very good.
16. Walz submitted nothing.
17. From Wachter, Krügler and Stein there was nothing presented.
18. H. A. Kurtz's sermon and diary, good, the contents very evangelical.

Resolved, To renew the licenses of all the candidates who are not to be ordained, and that this evening the President shall again publicly read to them their duties.

Resolved, That the candidates proposed for ordination be publicly ordained this evening.

Resolved, That the deacons proposed as pastors be also publicly declared as such this evening, with the right hand of fellowship (durch einen Handschlag).

After the business had been completed, a hymn was sung, and the whole Ministerium humbly bowed before its Shepherd, thanking Him for His gracious assistance, which He had thus far vouchsafed, and earnestly and humbly imploring His further blessing, in a prayer which the President offered.

This evening, about candle-light, the preachers and congregation assembled in the church. The exercises commenced with singing and prayer. After prayer, the ceremonies, as previously arranged, were conducted by the officers of the Ministerium and their assistants, in the presence of God and our Saviour, in a solemn, devout and touching manner.

Another hymn was sung, and after the singing, Dr. Endress, pastor loci, delivered a touching address to the congregation. Thereupon he, in the name of all the preachers, thanked the congregation for the kind and liberal entertainment they had enjoyed. In behalf of all the preachers, he wished for the congregation all temporal and eternal blessings from the Giver of all good, and requested the congregation to bow in the presence of God, offered prayer, and pronounced the benediction.

To the Great Shepherd of His church be given hearty thanks that He has not departed from the same. May He continue to be her Light,

her Strength, her Defence, Comfort and Salvation, to His glory and through Him, to the glory of the Father. Amen.

That the above is correct is certified by

JOH. CON. JÄGER,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

SEVENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION

1821.

SYNODICAL MEETING,

HELD IN CHAMBERSBURG, IN TRINITY WEEK, 1821.

In accordance with the resolution of last year's Synod, the preachers and the delegates of their congregations assembled on Trinity Sunday, June 17, 1821, in the residence of Pastor Möller, in Chambersburg, and at about 10 o'clock in the morning went in procession to the church. Pastor Schmucker, President of the Ministerium, preached on I Cor. 3: 9. At the same time, Pastor Schindel preached in the Reformed church, on I Chron. 29: 9; Pastor Becker in the Presbyterian church, in the English language, on Acts 3: 19, and Candidate Krügler in the Methodist church, also in the English language, on I Tim. 1: 15.

In the afternoon Pastor Jäger, Secretary of the Ministerium, preached in the Lutheran church, on Matt. 11: 26-30; Pastor Knoske, in the Reformed church, on Matt. 6: 33, and Pastor Ernst in the Presbyterian church in the English language on Luke 19: 41, 42.

In the evening Deacon Keller preached on Luke 23: 34.

MONDAY, JUNE 18TH, 9 A.M.

The preachers and delegates assembled in the church. The session was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The following preachers were present:

PASTORS.	PLACE.	PASTORS.	PLACE.
Dr. Kurtz	Baltimore.	Gräber	York County.
Jäger	Allentown.	Möller	Chambersburg.
Schmucker	Yorktown.	Knoske.	Kutztown.
Dr. Lochman . . .	Harrisburg.	Mensch	Springfield.
Geisenhainer . . .	Peikland.	Melzheimer	Hanover.
Dr. Endress	Lancaster.	Hecht	Easton.
Rothrauf	Greencastle.	Ullrich	Tulpehocken.
Mühlenberg	Reading.	Ernst	Lebanon.

PASTORS.	PLACE.
Rebenack	Somerset Co.
Bätis	Warwick.
Becker	Germantown.
Hemping	Lykens Valley.
Schindel	Sunbury.
Herbst, Jr. . . .	Gettysburg.
Filbert	New Holland.
Probst	Forks Township.

DIACONI.	
Heim	Union County.
Rupert	Meadville.
Scriba	Strasburg.
Keller	Carlisle.
B. Kurtz	Hagersstadt.
Heim, Jr.	Mifflin County.
Riemenschneider.	Virginia.
Repas	Centreville.
Heyer	Cumberland, Maryland.

DIACONI.	
Stecher	York County.
Geisenhainer . .	Peikland.
Miller	Oley.

CANDIDATES.	
Trumbauer . . .	Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co.
Haal	Newville.
Kessler, Jr. . . .	Bloomsburg.
Schmick	Sinking Valley.
German	Macungie.
Schultz	Johnstown.
Demme	Hummelstown.
Krügler	Berlin, Somerset County.
Stein	Jonestown.
H. Kurtz	Plainfield.
Schmucker, Jr. .	Virginia.
Speck	Berlin, Adams County.

The following were absent:

PASTORS.	
Dr. Helmuth, Senior of the Ministry	With excuse.
Dr. Schäffer	" "
Carpenter	" "
Henkel	Without excuse.
Grob	" "
H. Geisenhainer .	" "
Herbst	" "
Röller	" "
D. F. Schäffer . .	" "
Miller	" "
Vanhoff	With excuse.
Ilgen	" "
Flohr	Without excuse.
Engel	With excuse.
Meendsen	Without excuse.

PASTORS.	
Reck	With excuse.
Döring and } Wartman. }	" "
Strein	" "
Plitt	Without excuse.

DEACONS.	
Rehman	Without excuse.
Münnig	With excuse.
Meierhöffer . . .	Without excuse.
Osterloh	With excuse.
Kessler	Without excuse.
Stock	" "
Cruse	" "

CANDIDATES.	
Schnee	With excuse.
Weiland	" "

CANDIDATES.		CANDIDATES.	
Köhler	Without excuse.	Wachter	Without excuse.
Jäger, Jr. . . .	With excuse.	Sackman	" "
Walz	" "	G. Jäger	With excuse.
Kraut	Without excuse.	Strein	" "

The following gentlemen were recognized as delegates from the congregations attached to their names, and as voting members of the Synod :

DELEGATE.	PLACE.	DELEGATE.	PLACE.
Wilhelm Johnston,	Yorktown.	Hein. Zimmermann,	Mifflin.
Peter Brua	Harrisburg.	Geo. Oehler . . .	Rockingham,
Christian Romig . .	Pottstown.		Virginia.
Geo. Ludwig Mayer,	Lancaster.	Joh. Fuchs . . .	Centreville.
Joh. Rothbautsch .	Chambersburg	Carl Diehl . . .	York County.
Geo. Mitschel . . .	Greencastle.	Heinr. Achinbach,	Newville.
Theobald Bieber . .	Kutztown.	Conrad Fleck . .	Sinking Val-
Carl Barnitz . . .	Hanover.		ley.
Samuel Rex . . .	Warwick.	Thomas Fox . . .	Hummelstown.
Ernst Felde . . .	Germantown.	Joh. Koleman . .	Berlin, Somers-
George Eister . . .	Lykens Val-		set County.
	ley.	David Traxel . .	} McConnells-
Valentin Flohr . .	Gettysburg.	Michael Lehman }	
Wilhelm Wagner .	Ost Buffalo.	Jacob Bohn . . .	
Friedrich Scharrets,	Carlisle.		Adams County.

This year's Synod thus consisted of seventy-four members.

Dr. Kurtz reported that the preachers in Maryland and Virginia had made use of the permission given in the last Synodical Meeting, and had formed a separate Synod for those States, and that Pastor B. Kurtz had been named delegate by that Synod to attend this year's session of the Pennsylvania Synod. The President hereupon stated, that in accordance with our Synodical Constitution, Pastor Kurtz is recognized as delegate of the Synod in Maryland and Virginia, and is entitled to a seat and vote.

Pastors Hoffman and Rahouser, delegates of the Reverend High German Reformed Synod, took their seats as advisory members.

The Synod proceeded to the election of its officers for this year, and

Pastor Schmucker was elected President.

" Mühlenberg was elected Secretary.

Dr. Endress was elected Treasurer.

The communications were now called in by the President, numbered and handed over to eight committees, who should investigate their contents and report.

The first committee consisted of Dr. Kurtz, Pastor Schindel, Deacon Heim, Candidate Trumbauer and the delegates Messrs. Johnston and Zimmerman.

The second committee consisted of Pastors Jäger and Melzheimer, Deacon Ruppert, Candidate Haal and the delegates, Messrs. Brua and Oehler.

The third committee consisted of Dr. Lochman, Pastor Hecht, Deacon Keller, Candidate Kessler and the delegates, Messrs. Mayer and Scharrets.

The fourth committee consisted of Pastors Geisenhainer and Ullrich, Deacon Kurtz, Candidate Germann and the delegates, Messrs. Romig and Mitchell.

The fifth committee consisted of Pastors Rothrauf and Ernst, Deacon Heim, Jr., Candidate Demme and the delegates, Messrs. Rothbausch and Bieber.

The sixth committee consisted of Pastors Gruber [Gräber] and Rebenack, Deacon Riemenschneider, Candidate Krügler and the delegates, Messrs Barnitz and Rex.

The seventh committee consisted of Pastors Knoske and Becker, Deacon Repas, Candidate Schmucker and the delegates, Messrs. Felde and Eister.

The eighth committee consisted of Pastors Mensch, Herbst, Jr., Hempting, Filbert and Probst, Deacons Stecker and Geisenhainer and the delegates, Messrs Flohr and Wagner.

The Protocol of last year's meeting was read, as is customary.

Resolved, That the expression, "On the west side of the Susquehanna" (page 12 of the printed copy) be cancelled as incorrect, and the words "in Maryland and Virginia" be inserted.

Resolved, That it shall be noted, that Pastor H. Geisenhainer paid five dollars into the treasury last year.

The session was closed with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The first committee made the following report on the papers handed to it :

No. 1. Is a letter from Rev. Mr. Riemenschneider, in which he accuses Rev. Mr. Meierhöfer of having administered the Holy Communion in one of his congregations, which he, it is true, had for certain

reasons given up ; also of endeavoring to keep this congregation in a state of unrest.

Resolved, That all papers referring to this matter be given to a special committee to be carefully examined and judgment passed.

Doctors Kurtz and Lochman, Pastor Geisenhainer and Messrs. Johnston and Brua were appointed as this committee.

No. 2. A petition signed by members of six congregations in Union County, that Mr. Jacob W. Schmidt, who until now has studied under Pastor Schindel, be appointed their preacher.

Resolved, To refer this matter to the Ministerium.

No. 3. A letter from Mr. Wackerhagen, Secretary of the New York Synod, in which he laments the fact, that the delegate named by the Pennsylvania Synod, Pastor F. W. Geisenhainer, could not attend their meeting because of unfavorable circumstances. Also expresses the desire that he may receive information concerning the division of the Pennsylvania Synod, its geographical extent and the number of members of both Synods.

The President reports that he has already answered the letter. The Synod regrets that Pastor Geisenhainer could not undertake the journey to New York State.

No. 4. A letter from Deacon Heyer, in which he makes report of his journey in the States of Kentucky and Indiana assigned to him by the Synod. Upon motion the entire letter was read. The Synod rejoices to see the diligence and faithfulness with which Traveling Preacher Heyer performed the work assigned to him, and hopes that through the blessing of the Father of mankind it may not remain fruitless.

A letter from Jefferson County, Kentucky, which was received only a few hours ago, was read. The congregation in that place expresses thanks that the Synod has provided for them and sent traveling preachers into their neighborhood. They report that they sent eleven dollars and a half for the Synodical Treasury through the Lutheran Traveling Preacher, Mr. Heyer, and ask that the Synod also provide for their brethren in the State of Indiana, and send traveling preachers to that place. Another letter from Nelson County, Kentucky, was read. The congregations there also express thanks for the love which the Synod showed them in sending a traveling preacher. They report the sending of a contribution of seven dollars for the Synodical treasury through Mr. Heyer, and mention that a traveling preacher could accomplish much good in the State of Indiana.

Resolved, To refer the more careful consideration of this matter to the appointment of the traveling preachers.

No. 5. A letter from Pastor Carpenter, in which he reports that the precious peace which had for a time been broken because of the introduction of the English language, was again restored in his congregations; that he now works without any cares (*ganz ohne Sorgen*), and has begun to write a popular work (*für den gemeinen Mann*) on the most important truths of the Christian religion. He desires to know whether the brethren consider the publication of such a work necessary or not.

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Ministerium.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Pastor Ulrich preached on I Cor. 1: 23, 24.

TUESDAY, 8 A.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The second committee made the following report on the papers given to it:

No. 6. A letter from Dr. Schäffer, of Philadelphia, in which he excuses his absence this year, and wishes the Divine blessing upon the Synod; personally sends \$5 to the Synodical treasury, and encloses a list of baptized, etc.

On motion the letter was read, and the President was commissioned to reply.

No. 7. A letter from Candidate W. Jäger, of Philadelphia, in which he excuses his absence, commends himself to the prayers of the Synod, reports the number of baptized, etc., and asks for the renewal of his license.

Resolved, To accept the excuse, and to refer the consideration of the renewal of the license to the Ministerium.

A letter from Deacon Kruse, of Philadelphia, in which he asks that his absence this year be excused.

Resolved, That Mr. Kruse shall be excused.

No. 8. A letter from Pastor Strein, in which he excuses his absence, and wishes the Synod the Divine blessing; also states that he sends \$6.50 for the treasury through Dr. Endress, and encloses the number of baptized, etc.

The excuse was accepted.

No. 9. A letter from Pastor D. F. Schäffer, Secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Maryland and Virginia, in which it is reported that the said Synod named the Rev. B. Kurtz as its delegate to the Synod of Pennsylvania; that their Synod meets in Friederichstadt on the first Sunday in September, and he [B. Kurtz] has been commissioned fraternally to invite the preachers of the Pennsylvania Synod to attend it.

Resolved, That Pastors Möller and Herbst, Jr., shall be the delegates of this Synod to attend the Synod of Maryland and Virginia.

Resolved, That the President answer the letter of the Maryland Synod, and in his reply report that we, with respect and love, recognize it as a sister Synod, have received their delegate in accordance with our Constitution, and have appointed Pastors Möller and Herbst, Jr., delegates to attend their session.

No. 10. A paper from Candidate Schnee, in which he reports that he does not attend the Synod because he has no congregations, also has performed no ministerial acts during the past year; he hopes, however, soon to receive congregations again, and therefore desires the renewal of his license.

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Ministerium.

The committee appointed to investigate the accusations of Mr. Riemenschneider against Mr. Meierhöfer made written report, whereupon

Resolved, That the report of this committee, together with all papers referring to the matter, be handed over to the Synod of Maryland through our delegate, with the explanation that this Synod could not decide in this matter, and regards it as a case belonging to the Maryland [Synod].

The third committee made the following report on the papers handed to it:

No. 11 contains a reply of the Trustees of the Frey Institution to certain questions put by a committee of this Synod.

The committee is of the opinion that this document should be read in the Synod, and hopes that a new committee may be appointed to urge the matter on without delay.

Resolved, That such a committee be named, and that it be commissioned to strive that the will of the deceased Mr. George Frey be carried out.

The Synod hereupon named the following men on this committee: Pastors Schmucker and Endress, Messrs. Geo. L. Mayer, and Amos Ellmacker, of Lancaster, and Mr. Carl Barnitz, of Yorktown.

No. 12. A letter from Mr. Mannhardt, of Philadelphia, together with several lists of books which he recommends to the members of the Synod. In a postscript to the letter the worthy Senior of the Ministerium recommends Candidate Walz Superintendent of the Frankean Institute (Aufseher des Frankischen Instituts).

No. 13 contains a favorable testimonial for Candidate Speck; likewise a favorable testimonial for Candidate Stein, together with a notice that he will pay \$5.22 to the Synodical treasury, and a petition that his congregations be excused for not sending a delegate.

The Synod rejoices at each favorable testimonial, and accepts the excuse, because of the great distance.

No. 14 contains a recommendation of the applicant, Mr. Eister, and a favorable testimonial for Pastor Hemping.

Resolved, That at the proper time Mr. Eister shall be examined.

No. 15. A letter of excuse from Pastor Engel, together with a notice that he sends \$7.34 for the Synodical treasury, through Pastor Mühlenberg.

The Synod accepts the excuse.

Contains further a complaint of Rev. Knoske against the Mosellem congregation.

Resolved, That a committee of two preachers and two congregational delegates be named, whose duty it shall be to visit this congregation, carefully to investigate the matter, and to take such action as they approve.

On this committee Pastors Geisenhainer and Hecht were appointed, with the privilege of choosing the congregational delegates from their Church Councils.

On motion it was *Resolved*, That a committee be named to examine the Protocol of the General Synod of the High German Reformed Church, which was sent to this Synod, and to report whether there is anything in it concerning which it is necessary to take action in this meeting.

Pastors Jäger and Becker were appointed on this committee.

After prayer the session was closed.

TUESDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

On motion of last year's Treasurer, it was resolved, that a committee be named to audit his accounts.

The President appointed for this work Pastor Ernst and Messrs. G. L. Mayer and F. Scharrets.

The fourth committee made the following report :

No. 16. A petition of some members of the Church Council of the Wennrich's congregation, in Dauphin County, in which the Synod is requested to permit Mr. Demme further to serve them as preacher, with an appended note, from which it is to be concluded that the debt they owe to the Harrisburg congregation shall be settled.

Resolved, That Mr. Demme be at liberty to act in this matter as he thinks best.

No. 17. A letter from a congregation in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in which it is stated that Candidate H. A. Kurtz again arrived there,

that the congregation is satisfied with him and desires the renewal of his license.

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 18. A petition signed by twenty-seven members of the Bind-nagel's congregation, in which the Synod is requested to allow Candidate Stein to serve this congregation.

Resolved, That Mr. Stein be allowed to accept it.

No. 19. A document from Mr. G. F. Jäger, in which he asks that his absence be excused ; declares his dissatisfaction and that of his congregation with the establishment of a General Synod ; states that Mr. Knoske refused to take his diary along, but will pay \$7 into the Synodical Treasury for him, and also encloses the number of baptized, etc.

Resolved, Because of the great distance, to accept the excuse of Mr. Jäger.

No. 20. A letter in which three congregations which are served by Candidate Jäger protest against the establishment of a General Synod.

Resolved, That the majority must decide in this matter, and that after a decision it is the duty of the minority to yield.

The fifth committee made the following report on the papers entrusted to it.

No. 21 is an urgent request from the congregation in Lebanon, that the next Synodical Meeting be held there, with the assurance of friendly entertainment.

Resolved, That in accordance with our Constitution (Synodal-Ordnung), the matter must be decided by a vote.

No. 22. A paper, in which Mr. Osterloh begs that his absence be excused ; gives the number of baptized, etc. ; reports that he sends \$2 for the Synodical treasury, and complains of the fact that so little church discipline is found in our congregations.

Resolved, To excuse the absence of Mr. Osterloh.

No. 23. Petition of a congregation in York County to have Mr. Ludolf H. Meyer as their preacher.

Resolved, That Mr. Meyer be permitted to accept the congregation, if, after due examination in doctrine and life, he be found fit for the ministry.

No. 24. A letter from Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, in which the wish is expressed that the Synod advise their preacher, Pastor Strein, to move to that place.

Resolved, That Pastor Mühlenberg be commissioned to talk with Mr. Strein in a friendly way on this subject, and to give him fatherly counsel, according to circumstances.

No. 25. Contains the sermons, diary and license of Candidate Schulze.

The sixth committee made the following report on the papers handed to it :

No. 26. Contains the sermon, diary and license of Candidate Demme ; also the sermon and diary of the candidate, Mr. Jacob Albert.

Nos. 27 and 29 are letters in which Mr. Meierhöfer complains of the conduct of Mr. Riemenschneider. They were handed to the committee appointed to investigate this matter.

No. 28. A letter from Candidate Weiland, in which he asks that his absence be excused and his license renewed ; also gives the number of baptized, etc.

Resolved, To accept his excuse.

No. 30. A letter from Mr. Ferdinand Cramer, in which he complains of treatment formerly experienced, and asks that the Synod to some extent restore his honor by a written declaration that because of his usefulness in his office he is considered a friend. A report of his ministerial acts in the previous year is enclosed.

The seventh committee reports as follows :

No. 31. A letter from Mr. Heinrich Heine, in which he petitions to be again received into the Ministerium.

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 32. A letter from Mr. H. Heine to Pastor Schmucker on the same subject.

No. 33. A letter of the Church Council of the Frieden's Church, in Rockingham County, Virginia, to Mr. Riemenschneider, in which he is notified that he can be their preacher no longer than to the end of his year. Further, a favorable testimonial for Mr. Riemenschneider, signed by twenty-two members of the Frieden's Church, with the wish appended that he remain their pastor.

Both documents were handed to the special committee appointed to investigate this matter.

No. 34. A favorable testimonial for Candidate Samuel Trumbauer, signed by the Church Councils of his congregations.

The Synod rejoices at the praiseworthy conduct of Mr. Trumbauer.

No. 35. A favorable testimonial for Candidate Peter Kessler, signed by many members of his congregations.

At this also the Synod rejoices.

No. 36. A letter from Messrs. Döring and Wartman, in which they ask that their absence be excused, and express their dissatisfaction and that of their congregations with the establishment of a General Synod. They send \$14.10 for the Synodical treasury, through the applicant, Mr. J. F. Abele, whom they highly recommend for admission. A list of baptized, etc., is enclosed.

Resolved, That at the proper time Mr. Abele shall be examined as to doctrine and life.

The eighth committee made the following report on the papers handed to it :

No. 37. A favorable testimonial for Candidate Germann from all his congregations.

The Synod rejoices at it.

No. 38. Several fine (schöne) testimonials for Candidate Krügler.

The Synod rejoices, also, at these testimonials.

No. 39. A letter from Deacon Mennig, in which he asks that his absence be excused, gives the number of baptized, etc., and reports that he sends \$6.75 for the Synodical treasury.

Resolved, To accept the excuse.

No. 40. A request from the Little Cove congregation, in Warren County, that Mr. Schultz be permitted to serve them in Mr. Scriba's place ; also, a notice that their delegate, Mr. Traxler, could report concerning the condition of the congregation.

After the report of Mr. Traxler, and the fraternal explanations of Messrs. Scriba and Schultz were heard, it was *Resolved*, That the Synod fraternally advise the congregation in Little Cove to keep Mr. Scriba as their pastor.

No. 41. A favorable testimonial for Candidate Heinrich Kurtz, and a request that his congregations be excused for not sending a delegate.

The Synod rejoices at the favorable testimonial, and accepts the excuse of the congregations.

No. 42. Petition of a congregation in Lattimore Township, Adams County, that Candidate Speck be allowed to serve them.

Resolved, That Mr. Speck be allowed to accept the congregation.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Pastor Denney, preacher of the Presbyterian congregation in Chambersburg, be recognized as an advisory member of this Synodical Meeting.

The consideration of the report of the eighth committee was continued.

No. 43. A call for Mr. J. W. Schmidt from six congregations which had formerly been served by Mr. Walter.

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 44. A call for Mr. J. W. Schmidt from the congregation in Longstown, with the explanation that they had been unable to follow the advice of the Synod to accept Mr. Heine.

Resolved, To refer it to the Ministerium.

No. 45. A petition from Mr. J. F. Abele for admission into the Ministerium, and a position as traveling preacher.

Resolved, That the Synod allow the Ministerium to appoint traveling preachers, if it considers it necessary.

Resolved, To refer the consideration of Mr. Abele's position to the Ministerial Meeting.

No. 46. A letter from Pastor Ilgen, in which he asks that his absence be excused, and that a candidate's license be granted his son. A list of baptized, etc., is enclosed, also a notice that he sends a contribution to the Synodical treasury.

Resolved, To accept his excuse, and to examine his son at the proper time.

No. 47 contains the transactions of the Special Conference held at Kutztown, August 27, 1820.

These transactions were, on motion, read before the Synod and approved.

The session was closed with prayer.

This evening Deacon Heyer preached on Matt. 22 : 5.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A.M.

The session was, as usual, opened with singing and prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the Protocol of the reverend Reformed General Synod reported : That they had examined the Protocol given them, and found the following points which it might perhaps be necessary to discuss in this meeting :

1. That the delegates to the Reformed Synod appointed by us in last year's meeting, Messrs. Schäfer and Kurtz, were received as advisory members of the Reformed Synod.

Resolved, That this Synod sees in this a proof of the love of those whom we recognize as brethren, and is always ready, as heretofore, to return this favor.

2. That Pastors Hoffman and Rahauser were appointed by the Reformed Synod as delegates to attend our Synodical Meeting this year.

Resolved, That Pastors Mühlenberg and Knoske, as delegates of this Synod, attend the next session of the reverend High German Reformed General Synod, which is to be held in Reading.

3. That the resolution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod in reference to Messrs. Scholl and Rothrauf be read, and the further consideration be postponed indefinitely.

It was stated that the matter had been peaceably settled, at which the Synod rejoiced heartily.

4. That twenty-five copies of the Transactions of the reverend Reformed Synod should be sent to the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania as a token of friendship.

Resolved, That the Synod acknowledges the receipt of these copies, with thanks.

Resolved, That Pastor Mühlenberg hand twenty-five copies of our Transactions of this year to the next Reformed General Synod.

5. That the said Synod resolved to contribute \$100 from its Synodical treasury toward the support of the Franklin College, in the city of Lancaster, provided the Lutheran Synod do the same.

Resolved, That, as had already been determined in the Synodical Meeting at Baltimore, the Treasurer of this Synod pay \$100 to the Trustees of Franklin College, in order that they may be applied by the Trustees for the best interests of this institution.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of last year's Treasurer, Mühlenberg, reported that they were found fully correct, that a balance of \$682.36½ is in the treasury to the credit of the Synod. This balance was handed over to the newly-elected Treasurer, Dr. Endress.

The delegates appointed by last year's Synod to attend a meeting of delegates from the various Evangelical Lutheran Synods and Ministeriums at Hagerstown, for the purpose of drawing up a Constitution (Grund-Verfassung) of a General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States, reported that they had performed the task laid upon them, and were now ready to lay this Constitution before the Synod for acceptance or rejection.

On motion, this Constitution, together with the Protocol in which it is outlined, was read section by section, and its acceptance was voted upon.

When the Second Section of the IV Article was reached, it was *Resolved*, To postpone the further consideration until the afternoon.

The session was closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The consideration of the Constitution of a General Synod was continued. After each section had been maturely considered and unanimously accepted, it was resolved, that the members be asked by name to vote for the acceptance or rejection of the whole. The result was:

For the acceptance, Messrs. Kurtz, Schmucker, Lochman, Geisenhainer, Endress, Rothrauf, Mühlenberg, Möller, Knoske, Melzheimer, Hecht, Ullrich, Ernst, Rebenack, Bätis, Becker, Hemping, Herbst, Jr., Schindel, Filbert, Heim, Rupert, Scriba, Keller, Kurtz (B.), Heim, Jr., Riemenschneider, Repas, Heyer, Stecker, Geisenhainer, Jr., Trumbauer, Haal, Kessler, Jr., Germann, Demme, Krügler, Stein, Schultz, H. Kurtz, Schmucker, Jr., Speck, Johnston, Brua, Romig, Mayer, Roth-

bautsch, Mitschel, Bieber, Barnitz, Rex, Felde, Eister, Flohr, Wagner, Scharrets, Zimmermann, Oeler, Fuchs, Diehl, Achinbach, Fleck, Fox, Kohlemann, Troxel, Lehman, Bohn—67.

Against the acceptance, Messrs. J. C. Jäger, Gräber, Mensch, Probst, C. Miller, Schmick—6.

Resolved, That five hundred copies of this year's Transactions shall be printed, that the Secretary attend to the printing and the Treasurer meet the expenses with money from the treasury.

The election of delegates to the General Synod was proceeded to. The following preachers were chosen: Endress, Mühlenberg, Schmucker, Lochman, F. W. Geisenhainer, and the following congregational delegates: Carl Barnitz, from Yorktown; G. L. Mayer, from Lancaster; F. Scharrets, from Carlisle; Sam. Rex, from Lebanon County; and P. Brua, from Harrisburg.

Resolved, That if for important reasons any one of the elected congregational delegates should be prevented from attending the General Synod, he together with his preacher be allowed to appoint another delegate in his place.

Resolved, That the elected preachers shall enjoy this same privilege, as mentioned in the preceding resolution.

Resolved, To send each needy preacher's widow fifteen dollars from the Synodical treasury this year.

The preachers now handed in their lists of baptized, confirmed, communicants, burials and schools. Those preachers after whose names the following list is blank, neglected to send in their reports.

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	Bur- ied.	Schools.
Doctor Helmuth	—	—	—	—	—
“ Schäfer	235	29	733	109	4
“ Kurtz	—	—	—	—	—
Pastor Carpenter	—	—	—	—	—
“ Henkel	—	—	—	—	—
“ Jäger	149	99	642	45	14
“ Schmucker	215	85	579	48	5
Doctor Lochmann	169	104	484	41	3
Pastor Geisenhainer	122	89	386	24	3
Doctor Endress	141	63	419	46	1
Pastor Rothrauf	98	31	325	25	3
“ Grob	—	—	—	—	—
“ Mühlenberg	185	80	709	41	4
“ Gräber	92	29	200	27	2
“ H. Geisenheiner	—	—	—	—	—

Pastor		Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	Bur- ied.	Schools.
Herbst		—	—	—	—	—
"	Möller	128	33	395	24	1
"	Röller	—	—	—	—	—
"	Knoske	234	100	1123	44	6
"	Mensch	116	38	296	18	4
"	Haas	—	—	—	—	—
"	Schäfer, D. F.	—	—	—	—	—
"	Melzheimer	237	69	689	49	4
"	Hecht	112	—	285	18	1
"	Miller	—	—	—	—	—
"	Ulrich	184	96	1045	35	6
"	Vanhof	16	—	—	6	—
"	Ernst	151	56	584	42	4
"	Ilgen	150	90	689	25	2
"	Rebenack	42	8	49	5	1
"	Flohr	—	—	—	—	—
"	Bätis	183	90	579	42	5
"	Engel	90	51	460	41	7
"	Meendsen	142	45	633	30	6
"	Becker	90	43	305	63	2
"	Hemping	255	120	1079	35	—
"	Schindel	222	74	964	19	5
"	Herbst, Jr.	90	20	543	10	4
"	Reck	—	—	—	—	—
"	Filbert	140	90	426	25	3
"	Probst	221	91	670	28	4
"	Dorring	171	47	1025	63	8
"	Wartmann					
"	Strein	93	30	245	11	4
"	Plitt	—	—	—	—	—

DIACONI.

Mr. Rehman		—	—	—	—	—
"	Heim	220	46	440	37	9
"	Münnich	201	87	732	51	7
"	Ruppert	44	32	153	1	1
"	Scriba	36	—	23	11	1
"	Meyerhöfer	—	—	—	—	—
"	Keller	170	103	821	20	4
"	B. Kurtz	—	—	—	—	—
"	Heim, Jr.	222	50	580	22	10

	Bap- tized.	Con- firmed.	Commu- nicants.	Bur- ied.	Schools.
Mr. Osterloh	60	25	105	6	1
" Riemenschneider	46	26	108	8	2
" Kessler	—	—	—	—	—
" Stock	—	—	—	—	—
" Kruse	—	—	—	—	—
" Repas	171	57	511	22	5
" Heyer	—	—	—	—	—
" Stecker	96	47	630	38	4
" Geisenhainer, Jr.	53	40	220	11	2
" C. Miller	156	103	780	53	5

CANDIDATES.

Mr. Schnee	—	—	—	—	—
" Weiland	75	11	295	10	—
" Köhler	—	—	—	—	—
" Trumbauer	51	11	89	10	3
" Haal	132	76	640	22	2
" Kessler, Jr.	205	99	640	18	5
" Jäger, Jr.	6	—	27	—	—
" Schmick	81	25	305	6	3
" Germann	123	109	833	39	3
" Walz	—	—	—	—	—
" Demme	81	—	274	24	4
" Kraut	—	—	—	—	—
" Wachter	—	—	—	—	—
" Krügler	127	52	627	14	2
" Stein	120	—	394	35	4
" H. A. Kurtz	—	—	—	—	—
" Sackmann	—	—	—	—	—
" Schultz	59	13	139	5	2
" G. Jäger	51	41	300	12	3
" H. Kurtz	116	55	252	22	4
" Schmucker, Jr.	—	—	—	—	—
" Speck	93	85	281	19	3
" Strein, Jr.	—	—	—	—	—
" Albert	—	—	—	—	—

LIST OF THE PREACHERS WHO EITHER PERSONALLY OR THROUGH
THEIR DELEGATES PAID MONEY INTO THE SYNODICAL
TREASURY THIS YEAR.

Doctor Schäffer . . .	\$5.00	Pastor Strein . . .	\$6.50
Pastor Schmucker . .	50.00	Deacon Heim . . .	7.00
Doctor Lochmann . .	16.00	" Münnig . . .	6.75
Pastor Geisenhainer .	9.00	" Ruppert . . .	4.81
Doctor Endress . . .	20.00	" Scriba . . .	1.50
Pastor Rothrauf . . .	10.50	" Keller . . .	23.57
" Mühlenberg . . .	10.00	" Heim, Jr. . .	23.00
" Gräber . . .	11.87½	" Osterloh . . .	2.00
" Möller . . .	17.00	" Repas . . .	7.50
" Knoske . . .	8.90	" Stecher . . .	18.37½
" Mensch . . .	4.00	" Geisenhainer,	
" Melzheimer . . .	25.00	Jr	7.00
" Hecht . . .	8.00	Candidate Trumbauer.	7.53
" Ulrich . . .	10.00	" Haal . . .	7.25
" Ernst . . .	11.00	" Kessler . . .	5.19
" Ilgen . . .	10.00	" Schmick . . .	3.00
" Rebenack . . .	3.00	" Germann . .	26.65
" Bätis . . .	37.12½	" Demme . . .	14.58½
" Becker . . .	10.00	" Krügler . . .	14.25
" Engel . . .	7.36	" Stein . . .	5.22
" Meendsen . . .	13.34	" Schultz . . .	3.81
" Hemping . . .	7.00	" G. Jäger . .	7.00
" Schindel . . .	5.00	" H. Kurtz . .	5.50
" Herbst, Jr. . .	15.00	" Speck . . .	17.62½
" Filbert . . .	9.00	Deacon Miller . . .	7.00
" Probst . . .	5.50	Delegate Diehl . . .	2.00
" Döring and }			
" Wartmann }	14.10		

The election to determine the time and place of the next Synodical Meeting was now held.

Germantown was determined upon as the place, and Trinity Sunday as the time.

Hereupon a hymn was sung. The entire Synod bowed before the face of God. The President offered prayer, and then dismissed the meeting with earnest wishes of blessing.

This evening Rev. Pastor Hecht preached in the English language, on Matt. 6; 14.

MINISTERIAL MEETING.

THURSDAY, 9 A.M.

The preachers assembled in the church. A hymn was sung, and prayer was offered.

The following applicants for admission into the Ministerium presented themselves, viz.: Messrs. Adam Reichert, Jacob W. Schmidt, Ludolf H. Meyer, Johann Fr. Abele, Wilhelm Ilgen and George Eister.

Two committees were appointed to examine these applicants as to doctrine and life.

The first committee consisted of Messrs. Lochmann, Geisenhainer, Ernst and Bätis. To them Messrs. Reichert, Schmidt, and Ilgen were assigned.

The second committee consisted of Messrs. Jäger, Dr. Kurtz, Becker and Herbst. To them Messrs. Meyer, Abele and Eister were assigned.

The sermons and diaries of the candidates were now distributed among the ordained preachers, to report of their character after due examination.

The Ministerium proceeded to the consideration of the referred matters.

No. 1. The petition of Mr. W. Jäger, of Philadelphia, for renewal of his license.

Resolved, That it shall be renewed.

No. 2. The petition of Mr. Schnee that his license be renewed.

Resolved, To renew his license as soon as he receives congregations, and that as soon as he is inclined to seek congregations he be given a copy of this resolution, signed by the officers.

No. 3. Petition to renew Mr. Stein's license.

Resolved, To renew it, but that Dr. Endress shall examine his diary and sermon, and give him his opinion of them.

No. 4. Petition to renew Mr. H. A. Kurtz's license.

Resolved, That it shall be renewed.

No. 5. The petition of Mr. Weiand, for renewal of his license.

Resolved, To renew it.

A letter from Dr. Schäfer, of Philadelphia, in which he reports concerning the condition of his congregation, and concerning his own circumstances, was read.

A letter from the Senior, Dr. Helmuth, was read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the President be commissioned to answer

this letter as he thinks best, and to assure the Senior of the love and respect of the Ministerium.

Resolved, That a committee be named carefully to investigate the character and condition of the Rödelheim Legacy, from which money has hitherto been distributed among the preachers, and to report on it at next year's Ministerial Meeting.

Resolved That Messrs. Dr. Kurtz and Endress and Pastor Schmucker constitute this committee.

The session was ended with prayer.

THURSDAY, 3 P.M.

The session was opened with singing and prayer.

The preachers to whom the sermons and diaries of the candidates had been given, now reported on their character, from which report it appeared that all their licenses could be renewed without hesitation.

Schmick, diary, middling ; sermon, middling.

Albert, diary, middling ; sermon, middling.

Trumbauer, diary, very neat (sehr schön) ; sermon, good and edifying (schön).

Haal, diary, very mediocre.

Schultz, diary, neat ; sermon, good.

Kessler, diary, middling ; sermon, good (schön).

Krügler, diary, good ; sermon, middling.

Stein, diary and sermon, middling.

Weiland, diary, middling.

H Kurtz, sermon, good.

Demme, sermon and diary, excellent.

Germann, sermon and diary, good.

Resolved, To renew all the unrenewed licenses of the candidates who are not to be ordained.

The committee appointed to examine Messrs. Reichert, Schmidt and Ilgen reported that the first two were found satisfactory, and that they have no hesitation to propose them for the office of candidate ; that in the case of Mr. Ilgen they also found good gifts (Anlage), but that his own interest requires that his studying be continued for some time.

Resolved, That Mr. Reichert be granted a candidate's license by the officers, as soon as he receives congregations.

Resolved, To give Mr. Schmidt a candidate's license, and that he, in connection with Candidate Albert, be allowed to accept the following congregations : Sct. Johannis, Bieberdamm, Mosser's, Hassinger's, Longstown, Straubstown, Gruber's and Schnee's Schoolhouse.

Resolved, That the Ministerium, out of love, advise Mr. Ilgen to continue his studies somewhat longer.

The committee which examined Messrs. Meyer, Abele and Eister reported that the first two gentlemen were found able to fulfill the office of candidate ; but that Mr. Eister does not yet have sufficient knowledge to enter the ministry.

Resolved, That Mr. Meyer be granted a license to perform the office of candidate in the congregations in York County which desire him.

Resolved, That as soon as Mr. Abele receives congregations, the officers of the Ministerium are authorized to grant him a candidate's license.

Resolved, That the fatherly advice be given Mr. Eister to continue his studies.

On motion, it was now resolved to ordain the Candidates Trumbauer, Haal, Kessler, Germann, Schultz and Demme this evening in public meeting.

Resolved, That Candidate Ludwig Walz, of Philadelphia, shall be ordained at the next Ministerial Meeting in Germantown.

Resolved, To dispense with the other customary examinations this year.

Resolved, That for this year two traveling preachers shall be appointed, who shall travel not more than six months, and that a monthly salary of \$33.33 be granted them.

Resolved, That Pastors Schmucker and Endress be commissioned to choose these traveling preachers from the members of the Ministerium, and to propose to them the plans of their travels.

Resolved, That Dr. Kurtz be paid his traveling expenses from Baltimore to Hagerstown as delegate to the General Synod, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay it.

After the completion of business a hymn was sung, thanks were given in an earnest prayer by the President to the Father of Mercy and the faithful Shepherd of His flock, for all the love and assistance experienced, and supplication was made for the further blessing of God upon pastors and congregations.

This evening Doctor Lochmann preached on Rom. 8 : 14. After the sermon the candidates who were appointed to the office of deacon were solemnly ordained thereto by the officers of the Ministerium with the laying on of hands ; the newly-received candidates were handed their licenses amid earnest admonitions and prayer, and the congregation was dismissed with hearty thanksgiving for the liberal entertainment of the preachers, and with the prayer for all blessing on them from the Giver of all good.

Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the glorious harmony and brotherly love which reigned among us ; for the new encouragements to labor unweariedly for the welfare of immortal souls ; for all grace and all glad hopes with which He has cheered us. To Him be thanks and glory forever. Amen.

That the preceding was done in the Synodical and Ministerial Meeting of the year 1821, at Chambersburg, is certified by

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Secretary of the Ministerium.

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A CHINBACH, HEINRICH	Newville	1821
ALBERT	Elizabethtown	1816
ALLEMAN, NIKOLAUS	Hummelstown	1820
ALTIMUS, JOH.	Germantown	1801
ANSPACH, BALTHES	Tulpehocken	1748
APPEL, ANDREAS	Allentown	1814
APPEL	Springfield	1816
APPLEMAN, JOH.	New Jersey	1762
ARNDT	Bender's Church	1809
AUSTATT, GEORG	Luzerne Co.	1812
B AHRDT, JACOB	Woodbury	1819
BALDY, PAUL	Sunbury	1794, 1813
BAGER	Abbottstown	1815
BANTLEON, G.	Philadelphia	1802
BARDT, JOH.	Greencastle	1803
“ “	Hagerstown	1808
BARNET, JOH.	Easton	1808, 1818
BARNITZ, DANIEL	Hanover	1809
BARNITZ, CARL	Hanover	1819, 1821
BART, JOH.	Leacock	1820
BARTNER, JOH.	Fissel's	1808
BAUER, FRIEDR.	Elizabethtown	1820
BEAVER	Lebanon	1818
BECK, NICOLAS	Elizabethtown	1813
BECKER, GEORG A.	Philadelphia	1802
BECKER, HEINRICH	Germantown	1802
BECKER, JOH.	York County	1820
BEIL, BALTHES	Saucon	1748, 1750
BEIL, JACOB	Westminster	1820
BEILSON, JOH.	Easton	1805
BEISLER	Goschenhoppen	1810
BENDEL (BRENDL), FREIDRICH	Baltimore	1803, 1806
BENTEMAN, JOH.	Hamburg	1820
BENTLEMAN	Easton	1817
BERKHEIMER, HEINRICH		1807
BERLY	Cumberland	1810
BEY, CHRISTIAN	Tulpehocken	1808
BEYER, ANDREAS	Nordkill	1748
BEYER, CARL J.	New Hanover	1748

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BEYER, FREDERICK	Greencastle	1796
BEYER, VALENTINE	New Hanover	1807
BICKEL	Reading	1818
BIEBER, JOH.	Kutztown	1813
“	Penn's Valley	1821
BIEBER, THEOBALD	Kutztown	1821
BIEDINGER, NICOLAUS	Conewago	1763
BILLMEYER, JACOB	York	1763
BILLMEYER (BRILLMYER)	York	1813
BIRNBAUM	Philadelphia	1815
BLANCK, GEORG ADAM	New Hanover	1805
BLASER, PETER	Carlisle	1814
“	Newville	1820
BOGEN, ANDR.	Frederick	1803, 1809
BOHN, JACOB	Berlin, Adams County	1821
BORDNER, JOH.	York County	1813
BRAUNIG	Macungie	1817
BREITENBACH	Tulpehocken	1818
BRENDLINGER	New Hanover	1811
BRILLINGER	York	1813
BROTZMAN, FRANTZ	Hagerstown	1819
BROTZMAN, JOSEPH	Bloomsburg	1820
BROTZMAN	Easton	1813
BRUA, PETER	Tulpehocken	1802
“	Harrisburg	1821
BRUMBACH	Hagerstown	1811
BUCHER, JACOB	Lebanon	1804
BUSCH, ANDREAS	Philadelphia	1814
BUSS, PETER	Hanover	1802
CARL, GEORGE	McAllister	1800
CARR	Macungie	1818
CLARK, SAMUEL	Greencastle	1817, 1820
CONRAD	Mechanicsburg	1817
COULTAS	Kingsessing	1762
CROESMAN, B.	Goschenhoppen	1750
DEIBERT, MICHAEL	Whitehall	1763
DEILY	Plainfield	1818
DEGLER	Womelsdorf	1818
DERR, PHILIP	Middletown	1803
DERMUTH, JOH.	York	1819
DEUTSCH	York	1769
DIEHL, CARL	York Co.	1821
DIEHL, PETER	York	1799
DIELSHOFER, MICHAEL	Cohensy	1750
DIERY, GEORG	Nice Church	1802
“	Pikeland	1821
DILLER, PETER	New Holland	1799
DRAGER, F.	Nockamixon	1811
DREHER, ADAM	Bloomsburg	1814
DUNKEL	York	1817
DUY, JACOB	Germantown	1813, 1814, 1818
EBERHARD, BERNARD	—	1807
EBERLE, JOH.	Philadelphia	1750
EBERLE, MICHAEL	Chambersburg	1794
EBERT, JOHN	Frederick	1818
EBERT, MARTIN	York	1807
EBERT	New York	1762

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EGOLF, JOS.	Carlisle	1808
EHRLE	Jonestown	1817
EICHELBERGER	Hagerstown	1817
EISTER, GEORGE	Lyken's Valley	1821
ELSER, PETER	Warwick	1814, 1816
EMBICH, JACOB	Lebanon	1806, 1809, 1817
EMIG, CARL	York Co.	1813
EMMERICH, JACOB	Manheim, Berks Co.	1808
EMMERICH, JOS.	Forks Twp.	1820
EMMINGER, AND.	Carlisle	1812, 1819
ENDERLEIN	Lyken's Valley	1810
ENDRESS, JOH.	Lebanon	1820
ENGEL, FREDERICK	Germantown	1750
ENGEL, JOHN	Germantown	1763
ENGELBRECHT	Germantown	1817
ENGELHARDT	Midflin Co.	1819
ERNST, J. NIC.	Kutztown	1812
EYE, MICHAEL	Germantown	1748
EYER, JOH.	Middleburg	1813
EYSTER	New Lisbon	1816
FASSNACHT, JOH.	Middletown, Md.	1798
FELDE, ERNST	Germantown	1821
FESSLER, JOH.	Frederick	1820
FILBERT, PETER	Reading	1793
FILBERT	Nordkill	1809
FILBERT	Pottsgrove	1810
FISCHER, JACOB	Tulpehocken	1763
FLECK, CONRAD	Sinking Valley	1821
FLEISCHER, ANDREAS	New Holland	1814
FLOHR, VALENTINE	Gettysburg	1821
FOX, THOMAS	Hummelstown	1821
FREY, EPH.	Madison Co., Va.	1819, 1820
FREY, JOH.	Germantown	1805
FREY	Chambersburg	1815
FREYTAG	Pikeland	1818
FRICKE	Philadelphia	1816
FRIESS	Wrightsville	1817
FRITZ, FRIEDR.	Reading	1807
FUCHS, JOH.	New Hanover	1813
" "	Centerville	1821
GAERTNER, P.	York	1801
GALENTIN, JACOB	Warwick	1820
GALLMAN, HEINRICH	Middletown	1800
GANER	Hamilton	1816
GEBHARDT, JOH.	Somerset	1806
GEIGER, C.	Fischer's Creek	1811
GEISER,	Taneytown	1817
GEINMER, FRIEDR.	Easton	1802
GELWICKS, CARL	Hagerstown	1800
GELWICKS, FRIEDR.	Taneytown	1819
GELWICKS, GEORGE	Frederick	1819
GELWICKS, NICOLAUS,	Hanover	1806
GEMER	Huntingdon	1810
GERBER, CH.	Manchester	1820
GERBERING, PHILIP	Jonestown	1820
GEVER, ANDREAS	Philadelphia	1803
GILBERT, ANTON	Philadelphia	1748
GILBERT, BERNHARDT	Frederick	1804

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GILBERT, BERNHARDT	Gettysburg,	1819
GILBERT, HEINRICH	New Hanover	1793
" "	Lebanon	1799
GILBERT, JACOB	Bender's Church	1812
GILLMAN, ADOLPH	Germantown	1763
GOERING, JACOB	Goschenhoppen	1804
GRAEBER, ADAM	York	1803
GRAEBER (KRAEBER), JOH.	Carlisle	1800, 1815, 1816
GRAEF, CASPAR	Philadelphia	1750
GRAF, ANDREAS	Tulpehocken	1820
GRESSMAN, A.	Indianfield	1811
GRIM, PETER	New York	1762
GROEFLE, GEORGE	Germantown	1795
GROSS, HEINRICH	Lancaster	1794
GROSS, MIHCAEL	Lancaster	1748
GROTHAUSEN, JOHN	Germantown	1748
H AAK	Tulpehocken	1815
HAAL (HALL)	Elizabethtown	1818, 1819
HAAS, CONRAD	Philadelphia, 1799, 1800, 1811, 1813	
HAAS, JEROME	Providence	1748
HACKER, GEORGE	Germantown	1804
HAFFNER, JOH.	Greencastle	1806
HAHN, GEORGE	Fissel's	1806
HAKKY, CHRISTIAN	Hagerstown	1796
HALMAN, HEINRICH	Whitpain	1813
HAMMER	Hagerstown	1816
HAMMER	Schuylkill Co.	1816
HANER, N.	Allen Twp.	1811
HANER	Pennsborough	1818
HARTMAN, MICHAEL		1814
HASTER, JOH.	Tulpehocken	1812
HAUPT, HEINRICH	Williams Twp.	1795
HAUSER	Northampton	1816
HAY (HEW), JOH.	York	1796, 1810, 1820
HECK, JOH.	Chambersburg	1800
HECKER, D.	Lewisburg	1811
HECKMAN, ADAM	Northampton Co.	1813
HEHNS, JACOB	Chambersburg	1805
HEILIG	Germantown	1810
HEILMAN, ANTON	Providence	1748
HEISLE, DR. FRIEDR.	Frederick	1812, 1813, 1815
HEIST, HEINRICH	New Hanover	1804
HEIST, THOMAS	Winchester	1806
HEIST	Whitpain	1816
HELLER, FRIEDR.	Reading	1804
HELMS	Kutztown	1816
HENGER, FRIEDR.	Augusta Co., Va.	1806
HENKEL, see HINCKEL and HINKEL		
HENZEL, WILHELM	Lancaster	1819, 1820
HEPPE	Marietta	1815
HERRE, DAVID	Hagerstown	1812
HERRMAN, MICHAEL	Whitpain	1814
HERTER	Aaronsburg	1816
HETZEL, JACOB		1807
HETZLER, ANDREAS	Woodbury	1807
HILL, JACOB	Kutztown	1820
HILTEBRAND, CONRAD	Hagerstown	1820
HINCKEL, SOLOMON	New Market	1806
HINKEL, ANTON	Germantown	1748, 1750

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HINKEL, ANTON	Hanover	1808
HOECKLEY (HEKLE), FRIEDR.	Philadelphia, 1806, 1807, 1811,	1816
HOFMAN, DANIEL	Baltimore	1812
HOFMAN, HEINRICH	Chambersburg	1806
HOFMAN, JURG.	Germantown	1750
HOFF, GEORGE	Lancaster	1793, 1794
HOFFMAN, CONRAD	Lebanon	1797, 1802, 1813
HOLSTEIN, LEONHARD	Tulpehocken	1750
HORN, ABRAHAM	Easton	1802, 1816
HORN, FRIEDR.	York	1804
HORN, PHILIP	Baltimore	1808
HUBER, ADAM	Manchester	1812, 1813
HUBER, MICHAEL	Hanover Twp.	1804
HUBELE, BERNHARD	Lancaster	1748
HUBLY, BERNHARD	Lancaster	1793, 1794
HUBLY, MICHAEL	Chambersburg	1820
HUMMERICH	Carlisle,	1818
HUTTER, C. J.	Easton	1819
IMBODEN, J.	Lebanon	1801
IMMEL, JOH.	Tulpehocken	1748
IMMEL, LEONHARDT	Tulpehocken	1799
JAEGER	Trappe	1817
JANS (JOWS), GEORG.	Harrisburg	1808
JOHNSTON, WILHELM	York	1821
JOSEPH, JOH.	_____	1812
JUNG, HENRICH	Hanover Twp.	1808
JUNGKEN	Springfield	1816
JURGER, JURG	New Hanover	1748, 1762
KÄMMERER, HENRY	Philadelphia	1793, 1794
KANNINE, ANTHONY	Lebanon	1805
KAYSER	York Co.	1815
KEHLER, CHRISTOPHER	Bloomsburg	1819
KEINER, MICHAEL	Mt. Bethel,	1813
KELLER, CHRISTOPHER	_____	1807
KELLER, JACOB	Greencastle	1812
KELLER, JOH.	Springfield	1812
KELLER, PETER	Harrisburg,	1819
KEPELE	Philadelphia	1750
KEPNER, ANDREAS	New Hanover	1748
KEPNER	Reading	1817
KERCHNER, DANIEL	Pinegrove	1814
KERR, THOMAS	Upper Milford	1750
KESSELRING, LUDWIG	Taneytown 1803, 1807, 1812,	1815
KESSLER, GEORGE	Middleburg	1806
KESSLER, PETER	Middleburg	1814
KEYSER	Selingsgrove	1815
KIEFER, ADAM	Cumberland Co.	1813, 1817
KIES	Baltimore	1810
KIEMER, J. N.	Tulpehocken	1800
KIRSCHMAN	Abbotstown	1809
KISSECKER	Greene Twp.	1818
KISSENGER, P.	York	1811
KLEES	Buffalo Valley	1817
KLECKNER, PHILIP	Allentown	1813
KLEIN, CHRISTIAN	Middleburg	1812
KLEIN, MICHAEL	Schaeferstown	1812
KLEIN, PHILIP	Lancaster	1794

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KLEIN, PHILIP	Macungie	1809, 1812
KLEINFELDER	York Co.	1817
KLEPPINGER	Lehigh	1818
KNOEPLE, MELCHIOR	Indianfield and Saucon	1763
KNOERZER, BALTHASAR	York	1750
KOENIG, FRIEDRICH	Easton	1807
KOENIG, GEORGE	Lancaster	1820
KOENIG, PHILIP	Pikeland	1801
KOLEMAN, JOH.	Berlin, Somerset County	1821
KOPPENHEFFER	McAllister	1817
KRAMER, JOH.	Greencastle	1799
KRAFT, PETER	Philadelphia	1798, 1799, 1801
KRAUSS, MICHAEL	Reading	1794
KREBS, GEORG	Philada.	1796, 1797, 1805, 1807
KREUTZER, ANDR.	Tulpehocken	1763
KREUTZER, N.	Carlisle	1811
KROLL, MICHAEL	Kutztown	1814
KRUMLEIN	Selinsgrove	1815
KUGEL, CHRISTIAN	Middletown, Md.	1806, 1815
KUHN, ADAM	Lancaster	1748, 1750, 1760-1763
KUHN, LEONHARDT	Hagerstown	1804
KUNCKEL, CH.	Harrisburg	1818, 1820
KUNCKEL	Philadelphia	1810
KUNZ, JACOB	Northampton	1814
KURTZ, BENJAMIN	Harrisburg	1796, 1817
KURTZ, JACOB	Hagerstown	1797
KURTZ	Lancaster	1818
L AHR, P.	Lyken's Valley	1811, 1815
LANG, CONRAD	Tulpehocken	1750
LANG, PETER	Springfield	1815
LANGE, JOH.	Philada.	1804, 1809, 1812, 1813
LAUK, ABRAHAM	Tulpehocken	1814
LEDDER, JACOB	York	1805
LEHMAN, MICHAEL	McConnellsburg	1821
LEHR, HEINRICH	Philadelphia	1814
"	Plainfield	1820
LEIDIG, ADAM	Cumberland County	1810
LEISSENRING, JOH.	Buffalo	1812
"	Sunbury	1818
LEITNER, JACOB	Earltown	1748
LEITNER	York	1816
LENKERT	Lyken's Valley	1818
LENZ	Germantown	1817
LEX, PETER	Philada.	1795, 1796, 1805, 1808
LEY, MICHAEL	Tulpehocken	1796
LICHTENWALTER, PETER	Allentown	1820
LINDENMUTH	Maytown	1807
LOHR	Goschenhoppen	1750
LUFFE	Jordan	1817
M ANG, ADAM	Huntingdon	1806
MACKENHEIMER, JOH.	Baltimore	1814-1816
MARSTELLER, FREDERICK	Providence	1748
MARTER	Carlisle	1809
MARTIN	Sunbury	1816
MATTER, GEORGE	Manchester	1819
MATTER, JOH.	Martinburg	1818
"	Shepardstown	1820
MATTES	Fissel's	1809

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MATTHEWS	Manchester	1817
MAUL, BARTHOLOMEW	York	1750
MAYER, G. L.	Lancaster	1821
MAYER	Greencastle	1810
MAYERLY	Fissel's	1810
MENG, DEWALD	Greencastle	1800
MENSCH, A.	Hanover	1811
MERKER, GEORG	Hanover	1796
MERKLE, GEORG	Middleburg	1808
MERKLE	Trappe	1816
MERRO	Greencastle	1815
MERZ, CONRAD	Macungie	1813
METZGER,	Buffalo	1817
MEYER, JOH.	Moselle	1808
MILLER, G. M.	Paradise	1800
MITSCHEL, GEORGE	Greencastle	1821
MOEHLIG, GOTTFRIED	Forks	1750
MOEHLIG, JOH.	Raritan	1750
MOHR	Selinsgrove	1816
MOSER, MICHAEL	Lancaster, 1795-96, 1799, 1800, 1807, 1810	
MOSER, PHILIP	Aaronsburg	1804
MOSES, PETER	Bloomsburg	1812
MUELLER, JOH.	Lancaster	1803
MUELLER, VALENTINE	Barren Hill	1763
MUELLER	Cumberland	1818
MUELLER	Mechanicstown	1818
MUENICH, GEORG	Aaronsburg	1808
MUHLENBERG, F. A.	Philadelphia	1793, 1794
MUHLENBERG,	Harrisburg	1817
NÆCKER, CHRIS	Tulpehocken	1750
NEBAL, JOHN	Germantown	1763
NEES, JACOB	Solomon's Church, Va.	1806
NEES (NEHS),	Manchester	1815, 1818
NEES,	York	1818
NEU, ADAM	Berlin	1796
NEUMAN, PHILIP	Pottsgrove	1812
NEW (NEY)	Hagerstown	1809, 1810
NOLL	Taneytown	1809
OBERDORF	Wrightsville	1815
OEFF, JACOB	New Jersey	1762
OEHLERS, GEORGE	Rockingham, Va.	1821
ONRICH	Manheim, Berks Co.	1809
OPP (OBB), JACOB	York	1812, 1815
OPP, MICHAEL	Easton	1804
OPP, VALENTINE	Springfield	1808
OSWALD, JOH.	Philadelphia	1750
OTTO	Reading	1816
OX, MATTHEW	Upper Milford	1748
PERRING, PETER	Germantown	1811, 1816
PHILIPPI, JOH.	Reading	1796
PICKEL, BALTHASAR	Raritan	1750
PICKEL, JACOB	New Goschenhoppen	1798
POUGH, VAL.	Indianfield and Saucon	1763
PRINZ, GEORGE	Hacksbill	1800
PROBST	Bloomsburg	1816
"	Catawissa	1818

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RABENS, CHRIS.	Germantown	1750
" "	Barren Hill	1763
RABOLT, JACOB	Reading	1763
RAHN, GEORGE	Philadelphia	1808
RAU, G.	Whitehall	1811
RAUB, PETER	Springfield	1820
RAUH, D.	Easton	1811
RAUP, J. G.	Forks	1750
RAUSK, WILHELM	Philadelphia	1750
REDER	Tulpehocken	1816
REED, J. A.	Tulpehocken	1813
REGER, ADAM	Middleburg	1802
REICHERT, JOH.	New Hanover	1802
REID, JOH.	Pinegrove	1813
REIFSCHNEIDER, SEBASTIAN	New Hanover	1794
REINECKER, CONRAD	Staunton, Va.	1800
REINOEHL, CONRAD	Lebanon	1796, 1814
REINOEHL, GEORGE	Lebanon	1800
REIS	Cumberland, Md.	1809
REISS (REIST)	Mifflin	1816, 1818
REITER, MICHAEL	Goschenhoppen	1812
RENER, BENJ.	Pikeland	1820
RENTSCHLER	Kutztown	1817
REPPERT	Baltimore	1818
REX, SAMUEL	Warwick	1811, 1821
" "	Schaeferstown	1813
REYDT		1815
REYER	Goschenhoppen	1750
RIES, AND.	Westminster	1819
RIESS	York Co.	1815
RINGWALT, JACOB	New Holland	1807
RITSCH, MARTIN	Carlisle	1799
RITSCHER, A.	Lebanon	1811
RITTER, CASPAR	Williams Twp.	1800, 1801
" "	Hanover Twp.	1802
RITTER, HEINRICH	Upper Milford	1748
ROELLER, JOH.	Shenandoah	1793
ROLOFSON, LAURENZ	Raritan	1750
ROMIG, CHRISTIAN	Pottstown	1821
ROTH	Forks	1817
ROTHBAUST (ROTHBAUTSCH), JOH.	Chambersburg	1812, 1821
RUCH, JACOB	Greensburg	1806
RUDSIEHL, MELCHOR	Lancaster	1799
RÜHL, GEORG	Dover	1797
RUHL, JOH.	Fissel's	1805
SAUERWEIN, PETER	Baltimore	1801, 1809
SCHAADT, F. J.	Culpepper	1806
SCHAEFER, ADAM	Monongalia Co., W. Va.	1806
SCHAEFER, JACOB	Maytown	1808
" "	Tulpehocken	1814
SCHAEFER	Loudon Co., Va.	1815
SCHAFER	Sinking Valley	1818
SCHALL, PETER	Plainfield	1808
SCHANTZ, JACOB	Whitehall	1810
" "	Tulpehocken	1814
SCHARRETS, FRIEDR.	Carlisle	1821
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SCHINICK	Baltimore	1811
SCHIPMAN	Easton	1809
SCHLEGEL	Hanover	1809
SCHLEYDORN	Philadelphia	1750
SCHLONEKER, MICHAEL	Pikeland	1805
SCHMEIR, JACOB	Macungie	1819
SCHMID, CHRISTIAN	Indianfield	1802
SCHMIDT, F.	Reading	1811, 1816
SCHMIDT, HEINRICH	Greencastle	1819
SCHMIDT, JOH.	Middletown	1812
SCHMIDT, J. W.	Sunbury	1820
SCHMIDT	Mt. Bethel	1816
SCHNEIDER, CHRISTIAN	Germantown	1793
SCHNEIDER, D.	Fissel's	1811
SCHNEIDER, JOH.	Chambersburg	1807
SCHNEIDER	Goschenhoppen	1750, 1816
SCHNERR	Huntingdon	1809
SCHOCH	Harrisburg	1809
SCHOLL, PH.	Chambersburg	1803
SCHORR, JOH.	Baltimore	1819
SCHOTT, GEORGE	Lebanon	1812
SCHOTT, PETER	Harrisburg	1805
SCHREUBER, CONRAD	Earltown	1763
SCHREYAK, MICHAEL	Lancaster	1748
SCHROEDER, JACOB	Pottsgrove	1813
SCHUBMANN, JACOB	Raritan	1750
SCHULTZ, JOHN	Earltown	1763
SCHULZ	Carlisle	1817
SCHUMAN	Hagerstown	1818
SCHUTZ, JACOB	Taneytown	1806
SCHWAB, JOHN	Lancaster	1760
SCHWARTZ, CARL	Baltimore	1795
SCHWARTZ, CONRAD	York Co.	1807
SCHWARTZ, H.	Middleburg	1811
SCHWARTZ, MARTIN	Germantown	1750
SCHWEITZER, PETER	New Holland	1802
SCHWENG, J.	Pottsgrove	1811
SCHWEYER, NICOLAUS	Taneytown	1805
SECKEL	Philadelphia	1740
SEGER	New Holland	1816
SELL, G.	Lohill (?)	1811
SHOCK	Middleburg	1810
SIEGFRIED, HEINRICH		1813
SINGER, CASPAR	Lancaster	1763
SIEGMAN, BERNHARD	Washington Co.	1813
SLECHER, LUDWIG	Fayette Co.	1804
SOMMER, MATTHEW	Barren Hill	1763
SPANG, JACOB	Tulpehocken	1801
SPENGENBERG	Allentown	1816
SPENGLER, CHRISTIAN		1807
STAHL, JACOB	Lancaster	1798, 1806, 1807
STAUCH, ANDREAS	Dover	1798
STAUCH, SAMUEL	New Lisbon, O.	1812
STECKER	Easton	1810
STEIGEL	Elizabeth Furnace	1762
STEIN, DANIEL	Harrisburg	1813, 1814
STICHTER, PETER	Reading	1811-1814, 1820

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STEIN, JOH.	Pinegrove Twp.	1805, 1817
“ “	Whitpain	1812
“ “	Berks County	1820
STEIN, LUDWIG	Lancaster	1748
STEINER, FRIEDRICH	Buffalo	1813
STOEBER (STOEVER ?), JOH.	Lebanon	1808
STREBER, NICOLAUS	Martinsburg	1797
STREIN, M. W.	Gettysburg	1820
STROH, JACOB	Greensburg	1798
STROH, JOH.	Jonestown	1812
STUEBER, GEORGE	Mechanicsburg	1820
STUPP, LEONHARD	Tulpehocken	1819
STURTZMAN, HEINRICH	Ft. Cumberland	1806
“ “	Hagerstown	1807
SÜRMER, THOMAS	Philadelphia	1750
SULTZER, PETER	Frederick	1806
TIMANUS, JACOB	Indianfield, Saucon	1763
TRAXEL, DAVID	McConellsburg	1821
TRENKEL, CHRISTIAN	Lancaster	1748
TROELLINGER, GABRIEL	Cohensy	1750
TROSTEL, WILHELM	Abbotstown	1820
TRUMBAUER, JOH.	Falkner Swamp	1820
UHLER, CHRISTOPHER	Lebanon	1795
UMBENHAUER	Nordkill	1810
Uz	Madison County, Va	1817
VACKERODT, ADAM	Raritan	1750
VIGERA, J. F.	Philadelphia	1750
WAEHLEY, MICHAEL	Whitehall	1812
WAGNER, J. L.	Philadelphia	1804
WAGNER, JOS.	Huntingdon	1813
WAGNER, WILHELM	East Buffalo	1821
WALBORN, MARTIN	Tulpehocken	1798, 1817
WALDMAN, VALENTINE	Allentown	1793
WALTER, MICHAEL	New Hanover	1763
WALTER	Bender's Church	1810
WALTER	Middleburg	1809
WALTER	Selinsgrove	1817
WAMBOLD, FREDERICK	Indianfield and Saucon	1763
WARTMAN, MATTHIAS	New Hanover	1794
WARTMAN, SIMON	Bloomsburg	1813
WARTMAN	Swamp Church	1816
WEBER, ADAM	Philadelphia	1749
WEID	Macungie	1816
WEIDLER, SAMUEL	Leacock	1819
WEINLAND, LUDWIG	Culpepper	1793
WEIS, JOH.	Hagerstown	1802
WEISER, MARTIN	York	1798
WEISER, PETER	Reading	1760
WEISER, SAMUEL	Reading	1762
WENSS	Mifflin Co.	1817
WEISS, ADAM	Dauphin Co.	1806
WEISS, GEORGE	Martinsburg	1806
WIND, P.	Macungie	1811
WINTERS, JOH.	New Holland	1808
WITMAN	Philadelphia	1815
WÖLFLE,	Maytown	1809

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WOLFE, JOH.	Elizabeth Twp.	1812
WOHLFARTH, PHILIP	_____	1800
WOLPPER, GEORGE	Philadelphia	1803
WOLTZ, D. P.	Hagerstown	1806
WORMLEY, JACOB	Carlisle	1820
WUNDERLICH,	Cumberland Co.	1815, 1818
Y		
AISER, ENGLEHART,	Baltimore	1797
YERGER	Pottsgrove	1818
Z		
ZELL, GEORG	Plainfield	1812
ZIEGLER	Harrisburg	1816
ZIMMERMANN, HEINRICH	Mifflin	1821

